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## Bid to halt arms supplies to Sikh extremists

# India to fence off Punjab border

NEW DELHI, April 3, (UPI): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today ordered a 330-mile-long (530 km) barbed-wire fence built along India's Punjab state border with Pakistan to halt alleged arms supplies to Sikh militants who last week killed at least 111 people, an official said.

Police reported that three Sikh militants yesterday shot dead the headman of Bhojwal village in the Amritsar district of Punjab, bringing to 111 the number of killings since March 27 by the separatist fighting to create the separate nation of "Khalistan" in the northern state. It was the region's most violent week to date.

A government spokesman said Rajiv decided during an emergency meeting to seal the state's 330-mile-long (530 km) Indo-Pakistan frontier with a barbed-wire fence. Other sections of the Indo-Pakistan border would not be affected.

"(The fence) will be built if and where practicable," the spokesman said.

### Checkpoints

He said Rajiv also ordered the construction of more checkpoints and intensified patrolling by paramilitary forces along the Punjab frontier.

Rajiv yesterday repeated his country's longstanding charge that the militants, who have been using Chinese-made submachine guns and Soviet-built anti-tank rockets and explosives, are being supplied by India's arch-rival Pakistan. Islamabad has denied the claim.

The spokesman said Rajiv took the steps today to prevent further shipments to the separatists of advanced weaponry that he blamed for the surge in separatist-related violence.

which has claimed at least 725 lives this year. More than 1,250 people died in 1987.

"It is no longer personal weapons," the spokesman said. "The direct cause for the increase in killings has been the more sophisticated weapons. Instead of one bullet, they are now firing a burst of bullets."

### Combat

Rajiv yesterday vowed to deliver "higher quality" weapons to Punjab's 70,000 local and paramilitary police, who have been limited for the most part to using outdated bolt-action rifles in their battle against the extremists.

Other measures decided by Rajiv to combat the killing spree are "political mobilisation of the people" and "strengthened intelligence-gathering activities," the spokesman said. Rajiv last month pushed

through parliament constitutional amendments allowing the central government to impose a state of emergency in Punjab for up to three years, entailing wide powers of arrest and detention, and suspension of civil rights.

Police in the Indian capital have been on red alert since Monday night following the killing of 37 people in Punjab.

Patrolling within 200 metres of important buildings, vital installations and VIP areas was intensified. Road blocks were put up at several important junctions and all vehicles checked.

Police sources said the Central Reserve Police force personnel were also deployed.

The Delhi police has again asked people to be cautious. If anyone was seen moving under suspicious circumstances, the nearest police station or checkpoint should be informed, the police said.

## Sheikh Saad to visit Saudi Arabia

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Abdullah will visit Saudi Arabia next week.

The Council of Ministers yesterday discussed Sheikh Saad's upcoming visit on Saturday and the Iranian aggression on Bubiyan island.

State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Rashid Al Rashid, said that Sheikh Saad briefed the ministers during a regular meeting on his visit to Riyadh on an invitation from Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz.

Sheikh Saad told the cabinet that the visit will further strengthen the bond between the two countries and bolster cooperation between them in various spheres.

Rashed said that the cabinet discussed the Iranian aggression on Bubiyan island on Wednesday and measures taken to prevent its recurrence.

Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed briefed on details of the aggression, he added.

The cabinet ministers reviewed a number of political reports on latest developments in the Arab and international arenas, Rashed said, adding they also followed up efforts on all levels to support the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab

lands and moves to end the Iraq-Iran war.

Rashed said that the cabinet ministers were informed of reply messages from British Premier Margaret Thatcher and West German President Richard Von Weizsaecker to HH the Amir.

He added that the Amir had sent messages to heads of states of Security Council members on the Iraq-Iran war.

The cabinet endorsed 1988/89 draft budgets of the Kuwait Municipality, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, General Department for the Shuaiba area and the General Authority for Applied Sciences and Training.

in order to reach the goal (of restoring order), we are not just waiting for violence from the other side but initiate actions and teach lessons to those who start violence," he said.

"In the majority of the incidents, the confrontations were the result of our initiative, part of an effort to ensure a calming of the situation and to suppress the violence."

Army spokesmen said soldiers would no longer ignore, as they had in the past, demonstrations in remote villages or other locations that did not interfere with traffic or endanger lives.

Rabin claimed that despite the increased bloodshed the overall level of violence had decreased as a result of the new, offence-oriented strategy.

Officials at Ramallah hospital said a 40-year-old, Ali Diab Abu Ali, died today of a neck wound suffered during Land Day protests on March 30 in the West Bank village of Yatta.

Two Arab youths died from electrocution during unrest today.

The Army said a 20-year-old Arab man died trying to attach a Palestinian flag to a powerline in the West Bank town of Tulkarem. Arab journalists said soldiers shot the youth.

The Army said Khalil Jaber Hamzawi, 18, died when soldiers ordered him to climb a pole and take down a flag from a utility pole in the Askar refugee camp near Nablus.

Sheikh Saad Eddin Alami, the 77-year-old mufti of Jerusalem, told a reporter from his hospital bed that he had suffered heart problems after an Israeli policeman struck him on Friday as he sought permission to allow TV cameramen into the Al Aqsa mosque area.

In a leaflet last week, underground leaders called a general strike in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip tomorrow to protest the Shultz visit. They demand Palestinians avoid meeting Shultz during his visit.

about delays and rising costs. Foreign Ministry spokesman Ehud Gol refused comment on the report, saying: "It is not our habit to comment on Israeli arms deals."

The Sunday Times said the arms deal was cleared by top Israeli leaders.

Israel and China, which do not have diplomatic relations, both had an interest in keeping the deal secret, the newspaper said.

China was concerned about harming its position in the Middle East and Israel did not want to antagonise the United States which has expressed concern about China's sale of Silk worm ground-to-ground missiles to Iran, the newspaper said.

"Western intelligence agencies have suspected for some time that there is a link between Israeli expertise and the speed China has shown in developing advanced weaponry," the newspaper said.

It said the US State Department says secret cooperation may have begun as far back as 1980.



Sheikh Saad

## Shultz appeals for peace

# Israeli Army on the offensive, says Rabin

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM April 3, (Agencies): US Secretary of State George Shultz began an Easter peace shuttle today, and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin announced the Army was going on the offensive to "teach lessons" to Arabs who rioted.

Two Arabs were electrocuted while climbing utility poles during unrest today and a third died of wounds from an earlier clash.

The four months of unrest cast a pall on Christian celebrations of Easter.

About 1,000 worshippers, half last year's number, attended services in the 12th century church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Quoting from the book of Ecclesiastes, Shultz made a strong appeal to end debate on his peace proposals.

"For everything there is a season, a time to love and a time to hate; a time to war and a time for peace," he said. "This is the time and the season to move decisively towards peace."

His remarks appeared aimed primarily at Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who told reporters during a visit to a West Bank settlement today that Shultz had to "convince me" of the need for an international peace conference.

### Recognise

Shultz told a press conference in Rome yesterday that the PLO should recognise Israel's right for existence just as it needs recognition of its right to exist if the PLO is willing to go to the negotiating table.

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## Pakistan 249 for 4

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, April 3, (Reuters): Pakistan were 249 for four in their first innings at the close of the second day of the first cricket Test against West Indies today. (See Page 16)

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## WEATHER

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## Shevardnadze in Kabul for talks

# 'US, Pakistan blocking Afghan settlement'

ISLAMABAD, April 3, (Agencies): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and the United States for "serious difficulties" at the Geneva-based peace talks aimed at ending the Afghan war, news reports said.

Shevardnadze arrived in Kabul, the Afghan capital, today for meetings with the Afghan leader, Radio Kabul reported.

### Plan

The government radio station, said Afghan President Najib and Prime Minister Sultan Ali Keshid-mand met Shevardnadze at Kabul airport.

It gave no further details of the trip, which had not been announced in advance. However, in Moscow, the official Tass news agency said it would be a "working visit."

In a separate commentary, Tass said peace could be brought to Afghanistan without US agreement on a plan to settle the war.

Tass said a pact under negotiations in Geneva was being delayed by US refusal to act as a guarantor of the plan, which would prohibit further US arms supplies to anti-communist rebels fighting the Soviet-backed Kabul government.

"The Geneva process is fully capable of being completed even without American guarantees," Tass said. "The geographic region where the conflict is taking place is in no way connected with the USA."

The agency's claim that US agreement is unnecessary suggested Moscow may be willing to sign a settlement plan in Geneva without Washington's assurance.

es that it will stop shipping weapons to Afghan rebels based in Pakistan.

Upon arrival in Kabul, Shevardnadze told Tass that his discussions with Najib would centre on problems delaying an end to the war.

"Unfortunately, serious difficulties have developed at these talks because of the non-constructive position taken by Pakistan and the United States," the 60-year-old foreign minister said.

"In this connection, there is need to discuss and to reach agreement with the Afghan leadership on various options of action in all their aspects for the event that the Geneva process fails to bring about the desired results," Shevardnadze said. The Tass commentary on the

Geneva-based peace talks also criticised US and Pakistani positions as unconstructive and dismissed US calls for "symmetry" in cutting off aid to the warring sides.

In Peshawar, Afghan rebel leaders say the United States has stopped supplying them with Stinger anti-aircraft missiles in apparent anticipation of a settlement of the Afghan civil war.

Mohamad Nahi Mohamadi, leader of the Harkat Islami, one of the seven guerrilla groups fighting communist forces in Afghanistan, said the rebels have not received the shoulder-launched, heat-seeking missiles for four or five months.

"We are extremely worried," Nabi Mohamadi said in a week-end interview at his headquarters in the Pakistani border city of Peshawar.

Both suburban and long-distance train service was disrupted for more than two hours because of fluctuations in electricity supply.

## Fire in Bombay

BOMBAY, April 3, (AP): Scores of huts and small factories burned down today as a fire raged through a slum area on the northern edge of Bombay. Fire officials said.

Thousands of homes in north Bombay and northern and eastern suburbs were plunged into darkness because the fire damaged cables serving a major power station, they said. Officials estimated a quarter of the people in this city of 10 million were without electricity.

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Turkish sources said Ozal, who arrived in Ankara later

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## One killed in roof collapse

By Lima Al Khalafawi

ONE man was killed and two were injured when the roof of the women's cafeteria at the University campus in Khaldiya collapsed yesterday.

A large quantity of tiles being lifted by a crane fell down on the roof causing it to collapse. The steel structure of the roof caved in due to the impact.

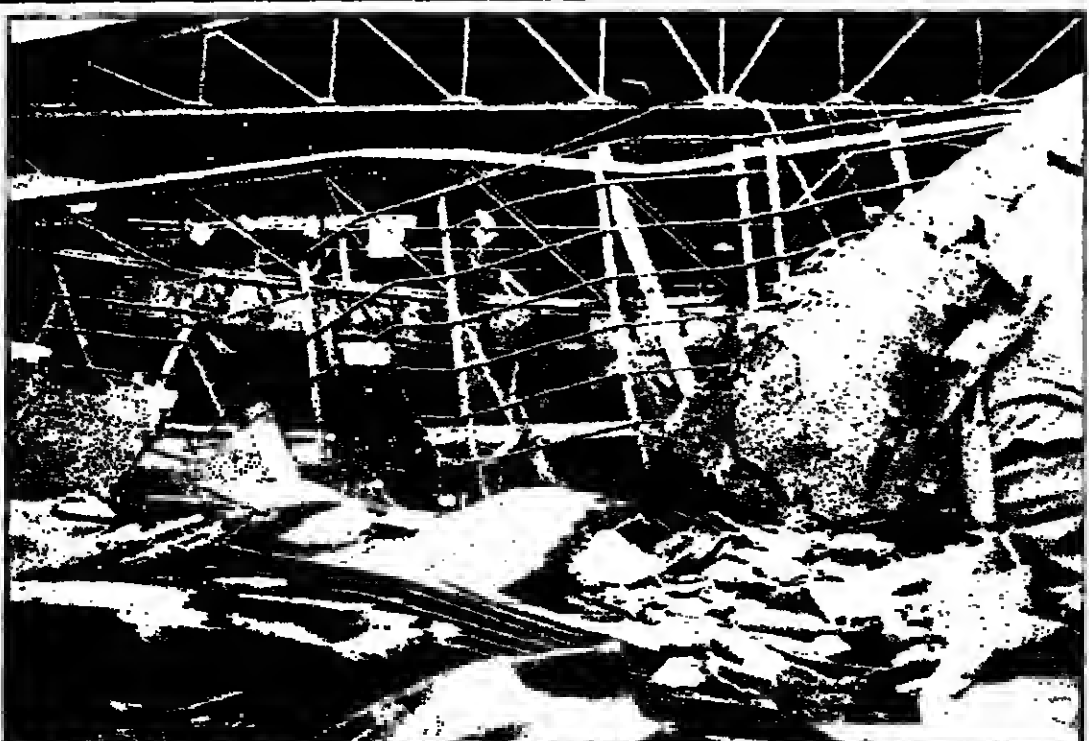
The cafeteria is being renovated.

### Moaning

Abdulla Faraj, one of the few workers there at the time, was hit and died instantly. There were no other people at the cafeteria except the workers.

The loud noise of the crashing roof was heard by a large number of people who rushed to the scene.

A worker at the nearby catering department, Ali Fouad, said he heard the moaning of one of



The collapsed roof and steel structures. (Photo by Javed Basra)

the men who had been knocked down by the falling ceiling and succeeded in dragging him out from under the debris.

The police quickly evacuated the area and began investigations. The workers had completed

work on the airconditioning system and were to start laying the roof tiles when the accident occurred.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Massachusetts governor rules out talks with PLO

## Dukakis-Jackson team could beat Bush

WASHINGTON, April 3. (Reuters): A Democratic ticket headed by Michael Dukakis with Jesse Jackson as his running mate would defeat Vice President George Bush in a general election, according to a poll released yesterday.

Without Jackson, a Dukakis-Bush contest would be a toss-up, and alone Jackson would be crushed by the Republican Vice President, but together the two Democrats would win, the Roper Organisation survey showed.

Dukakis and Jackson are neck-and-neck in the race for delegates to the democratic presidential nominating convention this summer, but neither man is likely to win the 2,082 needed to clinch the nomination of the first ballot, leading to speculation the nomination will

be brokered by party leaders.

Dukakis campaigned yesterday in Wisconsin, which holds presidential primary votes on Tuesday, while Jackson was in Colorado, where presidential preference caucuses will be held on Monday.

## Reluctant

Until recently Democrats have appeared reluctant to criticise Jackson, but now New York city mayor Ed Koch has levelled a public blast at the black civil rights leader, saying his policies would bankrupt the nation and that Jews would be foolish to vote for him.

Koch's comments, in a radio interview and remarks to reporters on Friday, came less than three weeks before the important New York state primary, when 275 coconvention delegates will be at stake.

Koch, a Democrat, said Jackson was sympathetic to the PLO. "They (Jews who would vote for Jackson) got to be crazy, in the same way that they'd be crazy if they were black and voted for someone who was praising both the racist supporters of the South African administration," he said.

## Survey

The Roper poll, a survey of more than 1,000 voters conducted for US News and World Report magazine, showed a Dukakis-Jackson ticket defeating Bush and the running mate of his choice by 47-42 per cent.

It was the first major poll matching a Dukakis-Jackson team against Bush. Alone, Jackson would lose to Bush by 51-35 per cent, while Dukakis without Jackson would lose by 44-43 per cent, it showed.

The poll also showed a ticket of Dukakis and Tennessee Senator Albert Gore would beat Bush, but by a slimmer 45-44 per cent. Gore trails Dukakis and Jackson in the Democratic race.

Other polls have shown Dukakis is the only Democrat with a chance to defeat the vice president in the general election. Bush appears certain to be the Republican nominee since senator Robert Dole dropped out of the race earlier this week.

## Role

Dukakis called today for Palestinians to play a role in the Middle East peace process but ruled out talks with the PLO.

"Negotiations with the Palestinian people are possible. Negotiations with terrorists are not," the Massachusetts governor said in a speech prepared for

delivery at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh. Aides said it was a restatement of his Middle East policy.

The speech was seen as an appeal for the large bloc of Jewish voters in New York state, which holds presidential primary votes on April 19.

Dukakis said at a news conference the establishment of a Palestinian homeland was subject to negotiations. He said Palestine was "a special case" different from countries like Afghanistan, Nicaragua, Poland and South Africa where he supports the rights of citizens to govern themselves.

"Over time, the Palestinian people should have the right to shape their destiny, but how they do, and under what circumstances they do it, is subject to negotiations," he said.

## Officials expelled for misconduct

MOSCOW, April 3. (AP): The Communist Party's watchdog committee expelled two Moscow factory managers for embezzlement, on-the-job drinking parties and for carrying stolen stars on the company payroll. Pravda reported today.

The party daily said more than one million rubles (\$1.6 million) had been paid to ice hockey players fictitiously carried as machine operators at the Salyut air transport machine-building enterprise.

The announcement from the party's control committee also said two officials of the state ministry for aviation machine-building responsible for the errand enterprise had been disciplined and that an investigation was under way.

Pravda did not give a total figure for the losses suffered because of the misappropriated funds, theft of valuable materials and expenses for banquets and drinking parties. But the newspaper gave several examples of excesses that cost in the tens of thousands of rubles.

Factory Director Y.V. Pugin and party committee chairman A.G. Samarkin were expelled, and other senior party officials at the plant and the ministry were reprimanded, the newspaper said.

## IRA considering an end to violence: report

LONDON, April 3. (AP): The Irish Republican Army is considering a permanent end to its bomb and bullet campaign against British rule in Northern Ireland, the Sunday Times reported.

The weekly said the outlawed guerrilla movement is discussing not a limited ceasefire but a "once and for all renunciation" of violence. The newspaper suggested the leadership is split on the issue.

The newspaper attributed its report to unspecified sources in the Social Democratic and Labour Party, which has been meeting privately in recent weeks with Sinn Fein, the legal political wing of the IRA. The SDLP is the main political party of the north's Roman Catholic minority, from which the IRA draws its support.

## Speculation

There has been much speculation in the north, in the Irish Republic and in Britain as to what was discussed at a March 23 meeting between SDLP leader John Hume and Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein.

"While the outcome of the discussions is by no means certain, it is clear that the IRA and Sinn Fein leadership is at least prepared to think what was previously held to be unthinkable," the report said.

It said Hume believes he has persuaded Adams that the 1985 Anglo-Irish agreement giving the republic a voice in Northern Ireland affairs "opens up a peaceful road to Irish unity."

The Sunday Times claimed Adams favours a change of strategy after a string of electoral and military setbacks which "underlined the unpopularity of the IRA campaign with national voters."

## Outcry

The report said a notable absentee from the Hume-Adams talks was Martin McGuinness, a hard-line IRA leader who is believed to be opposed to any softening of the fight against British rule.

The Hume-Adams meeting followed a international outcry over the killing of 11 people at a world war memorial gathering at Enniskillen last November and 12 killings in 16 days last month. The March wave of deaths began with British forces shooting three IRA guerrillas in Gibraltar colony where they allegedly were preparing to bomb a British Army parade.

Then in Belfast, three mourners at an IRA funeral were slain in a cemetery and two British soldiers were lynched by mourners at another IRA funeral.

## Pope appeals for religious liberty

VATICAN CITY, April 3. (Reuters): Pope John Paul today made a heartfelt appeal for religious freedom throughout the world and called for peace and justice for suffering peoples everywhere.

Speaking from the central balcony of St Peter's Basilica, the Pope made his traditional twice-yearly "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world) address to about 150,000 pilgrims, gathered in the square under steady rain and leaden skies, and to millions more watching on television in 46 countries.

Departing from a prepared address which was entirely religious, the Polish-born Pope made an impassioned plea for full religious liberty for all peoples.

He prayed for the rights of man, particularly for the right of religious liberty for every man, for every Christian or non-Christian, everywhere.

## Intolerable

The Pope, who did not name any country, said earlier this year it was intolerable that 40 years after the universal declaration of human rights, millions of people were still persecuted for their religious convictions.

"Let us pray for the solidarity of all the peoples of the world — the first, second, third and fourth world," he added today, his voice breaking with emotion.

Saying he hoped his appeal for world peace would reach out

from St Peter's Square to the hearts of all men in every part of the world, he called for prayers for all those who suffered "particularly in countries in which peace, justice and the means of prosperity are wanting."

The Pontiff wished the world a happy and peaceful Easter in 52 languages, including 19 spoken to East Bloc countries, to the cheers of the crowds below him.

During Easter Sunday mass inside St Peter's, the world's largest Christian church, a choir sang an ancient Slavonic rite to mark the 1,000th anniversary of Christianity in the Soviet Union.

Vatican officials said it was the first time in 10 centuries that the rite had been included in a Papal ceremony.

The Pontiff will not be going to the Soviet Union for the anniversary celebrations this year but the Russian Orthodox church has asked him to send a delegation.

In Vienna, the mass daily Neue Kronen-Zeitung said today that Cardinal Franz Koenig believes a visit by Pope John Paul to Austria in June could set the course for a Papal meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

"Despite some misgivings, the former archbishop of Vienna believes it quite possible that the course could be set here for a summit meeting between John Paul II and Kremlin chief Gorbachev," it said in a report on an interview with Koenig.

## Israel denies

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The Sunday Times said the arms deal was supervised by Reuven Merhav, Israel's Consul General in Hong Kong, who formerly worked for Mossad, Israel's secret service.

Lawmaker Anthony Beaumont-Dark of Britain's governing Conservative Party said last night that Britain should freeze all technology and information exchanges with Israel until it explains the deal with China.

He said Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe should tell Israel the deal is "totally unacceptable."

"If Israel wants our technology and know-how, it must not sell it," Beaumont-Dark said.

## Two Iranian refineries hit

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today, had proposed a lasting ceasefire in missile and airplane raids on cities that began in 1980, but neither Turkish nor Iraqi officials would comment publicly on this.

In a weekend interview with Ahu Dhabi's Al Itihad newspaper, Turkish President Kenan Evren admitted the failure of several recent mediation efforts by Turkey. However, he said "we are still doing whatever we can to end the war."

The Iranian agency quoted a spokesman for Tehran's war information headquarters as denying Iraq's claims to have trounced Iran and its Kurdish separatist allies in fierce fighting last week in mountainous north-



Two policemen survey a building where a gas leak caused a blast destroying three floors in the early hours on Sunday in the suburb of Ville d'Avray, west of Paris. A 19-year-old woman was killed and 14 people were injured in the explosion. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Panama raps planned US troops deployment

PANAMA CITY, April 3. (Reuters): Panamanian government sources yesterday condemned Washington's decision to fly in more American troops to defend the US-controlled canal.

A government official, who asked not to be identified, said the United States was waging psychological warfare against its former ally in its drive to oust military leader General Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Washington said the 1,300 troops from the Army, Air Force and Marines, plus 27 helicopters, would begin arriving on Tuesday to bolster security for US personnel and facilities.

The United States already has 10,000 troops based at the southern command, hub of military operations in Latin America. About 1,300 US employees work on the Panama canal and military and civilian dependents total about 15,000.

The Panamanian sources said the US decision to send troops, announced on Friday, was an example of American aggression

aimed at keeping control of the strategic canal.

Control is due to be passed to Panama on the last day of 1999, under treaties governing the narrow isthmus between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Noriega, who has been indicted by two US grand juries on drug-running charges, says the US call for his ouster is a plot to keep control of the waterway.

US Secretary of State George Shultz and his aides are said to have offered kidnapping Noriega and bringing him to the United States to stand trial, the Los Angeles Times said yesterday.

The paper, quoting unidentified sources, said the plan was cancelled because of opposition from Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci. Carlucci said the plan was "not in the best interests of the United States."

San Francisco Archbishop Marc O'Connell set a Monday deadline for Noriega to reply to the Roman Catholic prelate's offer to mediate between the 50-year-old general and opposition groups calling for his ouster.

Bricka, standing on two five-metre (15-foot) polyester skis and propelling himself with an oar, had travelled about 45 miles since leaving Tenerife last Friday, his girlfriend said.

"He has had a lot of wind and a lot of currents so far," Marie-Rose Regnier said.

Bricka, 39, plans to "walk" the 3,750 miles from Tenerife, in the Canary Islands southwest of Spain, to the Caribbean island of Guadeloupe.

He reckons the trip will take about 10 weeks and is towing a rubber dinghy with a space to sleep, fishing equipment, clothes and a radio.

But hoping to prove that man can survive at sea on his own resources, Bricka has taken no food or drinking water. He plans to live on fish and rain water.

Bricka, a well-known one-man hand artist in France, "walked" the channel from England to France in 1985 and has also made the journey across the Mediterranean from Cannes to Corsica.

Regnier expected Bricka's pace to slow when he left the waters around the Canary Islands, but added she was optimistic he would complete his Atlantic voyage.

"He is very courageous, he has a lot of guts."

## Heroin smugglers

MOSCOW, April 3. (Reuters): Customs officials at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport have seized smuggled heroin with a street value of \$10 million, the newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda reported today.

It said an African youth accompanied by a woman had been found with a false-bottomed suitcase containing nearly 15 kilos (more than 30 pounds) of heroin during a one-hour stopover in Moscow.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Two climbers die

CHRISTCHURCH, April 3. (AP): Two New Zealand climbers died and a third was injured after they plunged 200 metres (500 ft) from Mount Cook while roped together, police said today.

Two women and a man fell as they were approaching the top of the Copeland Pass, police spokesman Bill Apes said.

Two Alpine guides witnessed the accident from the Copeland shelter, he said. One radioed for help while the other went to the scene, where the man died soon after. One of the women suffered head injuries and was flown by helicopter to Timaru hospital, where she died last night.

## Easter carnage

JOHANNESBURG, April 3. (Reuters): One hundred and fifty people including 11 children died in road smashes in South Africa during the first 48 hours of the Easter weekend, traffic authorities said today.

The holiday carnage could exceed last year's Easter toll of 191 deaths, they said.

## Bus-truck crash

SALON-DE-PROVENCE, France, April 3. (AP): A Spanish bus carrying 53 people slammed into a small truck that had stopped on a divided highway in southern France to repair a flat tyre today, killing two people and slightly injuring 26, police said.

According to police, the truck had stopped in the right line of highway as to repair the flat tyre and one of its four occupants tried to signal traffic from behind while the tyre was being changed.

## Earthquakes

ATHENS, April 3. (Reuters): Three moderate earthquakes rolled through the Athens area last night and this morning but no damage or casualties were reported.

The Athens Geological Institute said the quakes ranged between 4.2 and 4.6 on the Richter scale. The epicentres of the first two were at Louisa 20 km (12 miles) east of Athens, and the third in South Boetia to the northwest.

## New Orleans floods

NEW ORLEANS, April 3. (UPI): Thunderstorms drenched New Orleans yesterday with up to 14 inches (35 cm) of rain, flooding roads under 3 feet (1 m) of water, knocking out power and sending residents to shelters in the city below sea-level, officials said.

The storm system that whipped at least one tornado across the state, early yesterday brought wind damage and flooding in low-lying areas throughout Southern Louisiana, which already had three continuous days of rain, then stalled over New Orleans, officials said.

## India may top China in population

WASHINGTON, April 3. (AP): India could surpass China as the world's most populous nation in the not too distant future, the US Census Bureau said today.

China has long been the world's most heavily-populated nation and now is expected to reach one-fifth of the Earth's people.

But, "the time is now foreseeable when India will take over the No. 1 spot, reflecting a population growth rate that is nearly twice as high as China's," the bureau reported.

"The latest projections suggest that India's population may surpass China's in less than 60 years, or before today's youngsters in both countries reach old age," the bureau said in its new "World Population Profile: 1987."

## Campaign

The bureau estimates China now has 1,088,169,000 people, compared with India's 816,828,000.

But India has a birth rate of 32 per 1,000 people, compared with just 20 per 1,000 in China, which has conducted an intensive birth-control campaign in recent years. Subtracting deaths, India's population is growing by 2.1 per cent annually, China's by only 1.3 per cent, the bureau reported.

Thus, population projections for the year 2050 show India as the world's most populated country, with an anticipated 1,591,204,000 people. At the same time, China would have a population of 1,554,875,000.

Sharp changes are expected in other nations too, the report says.

The Soviet Union, now ranked third in population, is expected to drop to No. 5 by the year 2050. Fourth-place United States would slip to eighth, while No. 5 Indonesia would drop to seventh.

Expected to become third by 2050 is Nigeria, currently ranked 13th. Pakistan, now No. 14, is expected to rise to fourth.

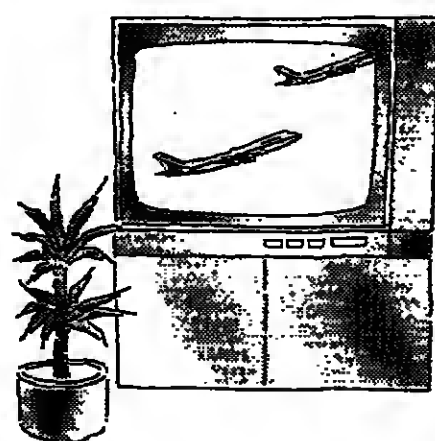
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A soldier searches a woman bus passenger in the northern entrance of Manila following an order to intensify manhunt of Honasan. (Reuter wirephoto)

No trace of fugitive coup leader

## Manila vows to capture Honasan

MANILA, April 3, (Reuter): The Philippine military vowed today to hunt down escaped coup leader Gregorio Honasan and the renegade colonel's wife warned him to be on guard against attempts to kill him.

"We will go on forever until he calls it quits or he goes to another country or he is captured," said Brigadier-General Rodolfo Biazon, head of the capital defence command.

Biazon said searches in Manila and surrounding provinces had yielded no trace of Honasan who escaped from his Navy prison ship in Manila Bay on Saturday, taking with him 14 of his guards.

Honasan's wife, Jane, said she feared for her husband's safety. "I am very worried," she said in a radio interview today.

Honasan had been detained on the ship since his arrest in December for leading an attempted coup against President

Corason Aquino last August that left 53 dead and 300 wounded.

Aquino said she would "spare no effort" to recapture Honasan and warned soldiers they would face "the full force of the law" if they tried to help him in his flight.

Armed forces chief General Renato De Villa said soldiers tracking Honasan had not been issued shoot-to-kill orders.

"If and when they recapture him, orders (are) to arrest him together with the others and bring him in for immediate detention," De Villa said.

A private Manila radio station, DZRH, quoted police sources as saying a six-car convoy had been seen pulling out of an area near the Manila waterfront shortly after the escape and that the cars might have picked up Honasan and his group.

Biazon said troops were guarding against possible attacks by Honasan's followers within the Army who might want to des-

tabilise the Aquino government.

The military has been on red alert, the highest state of combat readiness, since Honasan and his guards escaped on two rubber rafts.

Justice Secretary Sedfrey Ordenez warned the media against printing or broadcasting interviews with Honasan.

"He poses a clear and present danger and the government has a duty to stop such publicity," Ordenez said.

De Villa said Honasan may still be in the Manila area.

Troops were also dispatched to the nearby provinces of Cavite and Batangas following unconfirmed reports that Honasan may have fled there.

De Villa also ordered troops on alert in central and southern Philippine islands in the event of disgruntled officers and politicians trying to exploit the volatile situation in Manila and stage attacks against government installations.

## Blasts kill 400 civilians so far

# Pakistan faces Afghan terror

WASHINGTON, April 3, (AP): Bombs planted by the Afghan intelligence agency, created and run by the Soviet KGB, have killed more than 400 civilians in Pakistan, according to US and Pakistani officials.

Pakistan has balked at signing a UN-brokered deal calling for an end to covert US aid to Afghan fighters at the same time that Moscow stops aiding the Kabul government.

"The bombings definitely have people worried. They are designed to get Pakistan to sign the Geneva agreement. But the government has stuck to its position," said a Pakistani official. He, like US intelligence sources interviewed about the bombings, spoke on condition of anonymity.

### Advisers

The Afghan Ministry for State Security, or WAD, "is a mirror image of the KGB," combining domestic and foreign intelligence activities with military functions, said one US intelligence analyst.

A State Department report issued last year said WAD had 20,000 agents, although some US and Pakistani officials put the number at 30,000. WAD has its

own uniformed military units and assigns officers to regular military units to bolster discipline, according to the State Department.

WAD has 1,500 advisers from the KGB, which has run it since shortly after the coup that brought Marxists to power in April 1978, the sources said.

The most recent terrorist episode was last Thursday, when a bomb exploded in a poultry shop near the Afghan border, killing seven people and injuring 18.

### Bombings

The bloodiest incident was last July 14, when three car bombs exploded at the main bazaar of Karachi, the largest city in Pakistan, killing 72 and injuring 260.

WAD staged about a dozen bombings inside Pakistan in 1985, 20 in 1986, and more than 100 in 1987, said a second US analyst. "They are continuing at about the same rate this year."

Among recent bombings attributed to WAD:

— Feb 22, one person was killed and two others were hurt by a bomb in a popular hotel in Bajaur in the Northwest Frontier Province.

— Feb 23, a boy was killed by a bomb in his home in Bajaur. The same day, another bomb destroyed a shop owned by an Afghan refugee in the city.

— Feb 27, five people were killed and 11 injured by a bomb in a motorcycle in the main bazaar in Thar, a refugee centre in the Northwest Frontier Province.

— March 1, two people were killed and two others were injured when a bomb exploded in Peshawar, a city in northern Pakistan crowded with Afghan refugees.

— March 18, a letterbox exploded at a bus station, in Rawalpindi, setting fire to an empty bus.

— March 25, nine people were injured, one critically, by a bomb at a bus stand in Rawalpindi.

### Campaign

Diplomats at the Afghan Embassy in Washington declined to comment on WAD or any other subject.

The bombings started in 1985, about the time when Mikhail Gorbachev became General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, and the current

Afghan leader, known by the single name of Najibullah, left the Afghan intelligence agency to become secretary in the ruling party, say US and Pakistani sources.

Najibullah, trained as a physician in Kabul, became party leader in 1986 and head of state last year. Col Ghulam Farouq Yaqubi now runs WAD, which until last year was known as the Committee for State Security, or Khad.

"Clearly, sometime in 1985, Moscow decided it had to increase pressure on Pakistan, and began cross-border air raids" in Afghan warplanes piloted by Soviets and Afghans, said one US government source.

But the air raids "backfired," said the source. The United States came very close to selling Pakistan high-technology Airborne Warning and Control (AWACS) planes to track the intruders, a sale that was opposed by India, a friend of the Soviet Union and an enemy of Pakistan.

Instead, WAD "stepped up the terror bombings, and there hasn't been so much of a reaction," said the source.

## First SOS centre opens in Beijing

BEIJING, April 3, (AP): China's first SOS centre, part of an international network of facilities to provide medical services for foreign tourists and residents, opened in Beijing yesterday.

Claude Giroux, founder and chairman of International SOS Company, and officials from China's Public Health Ministry attended the opening ceremony held at the Beijing emergency medical centre, the official Xinhua news agency said.

The centre will provide medical service to foreigners in the Chinese capital and, when necessary, will help them return to their countries for further medical attention.

International SOS Company covers all medical and travel expenses for members. Others can pay for SOS services with individual medical insurance programs.

The report said the company also plans to set up centres in Canton, Shanghai, Chengdu and Xian to form a medical and transfer network in the country.

## New Delhi seeks a role in Afghanistan

# Carlucci arrives in India today

NEW DELHI, April 3, (Reuter): Indian efforts to play a role in the debate over the future of Afghanistan are expected to dominate the forthcoming visit to India by US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci, diplomatic sources said today.

His visit starting tomorrow coincides with discussions on Afghanistan between Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Natwar Singh and Soviet leaders in Moscow.

"Afghanistan is one of the most important issues in the talks with Carlucci," an external affairs ministry spokesman said. Technological cooperation was also on the agenda.

Carlucci will meet Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Defence Minister K.C. Pant during his three-day visit before going on to Pakistan.

India, linked by a friendship,

treaty to the Soviet Union, has over the years criticised the presence of an estimated 115,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

Since 1979, when Soviet troops intervened in Afghanistan, India has limited itself to saying it opposed all foreign involvement, an apparent reference to Pakistan's support for rebel Afghan groups.

This stand strained India-US relations, Western diplomatic sources said.

### Role

Carlucci's trip to Delhi is seen as part of a smoothing of bilateral ties and aimed at assessing what role India seeks in the Afghan issue.

India has sought a more active role in recent months, and particularly since the Soviet Union announced in February its decision to withdraw its troops in

1988.

India fears instability in the region and the possible emergence of an Islamic fundamentalist government in place of the Soviet-backed Najibullah administration in Kabul, the sources said. India has more than 80 million Muslims of its own.

India is also concerned over a possible rise in Pakistan's influence on Kabul after the Soviet withdrawal. India has fought three wars with Pakistan since 1947, when the subcontinent won independence from Britain.

In Moscow, Natwar Singh was expected to explore the possible return to Kabul of deposed Afghan King Zahir Shah to take part in talks with rebel groups after the Soviet withdrawal, they said. Singh met the former king in Rome last February.

## Libyan Army officer defects

CAIRO, April 3, (AP): A Libyan Army officer said he defected to an organisation opposed to Khaddafi, the third such claim among the military in nine days.

In a statement distributed to news agencies, Lt Col Abdullah Ahmed Khaled Al Sheikhly claimed that he joined the National Front for the Salvation of Libya.

There was no way to verify the claim which, if true, would be the third in nine days. Previous claims were also statements distributed by the NFSL to news agencies, but none mentioned where the defectors were.

The NFSL, with headquarters in Cairo, is believed to be the largest Libyan group of exiles, actively opposing Libyan leader.

The second statement, on March 30, was signed by a higher-ranking officer, Col Saleh Mohammed. He said he was joining the NFSL.

Colonel Khaddafi's rank is the highest attainable in the Libyan armed forces.

Five days earlier, a statement claimed the chief of Libya's forces in Chad, Col Khafiah Abu El-Kassem Hafar had defected to the NFSL.

## Gulf states may rejoin arms production industry

ABU DHABI, April 3, (Reuter): Egypt's defence industries chief says he is optimistic that Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will return to a joint military production venture they quit nine years ago.

Lieutenant General Ibrahim Al Orabi told reporters last night such a return would contribute to Arab self-armament.

The three Gulf Arab states walked out of the Cairo-based Arab Authority for Military Production in 1979 in protest against Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

The three states, which formed the authority with Egypt in 1975, were among 18 Arab countries to cut diplomatic ties with Cairo. Most of them ended the boycott last year.

"Contacts are under way to revive the authority," Orabi said. "I am optimistic they will return soon because it is their historic responsibility and can play a major role in Arab armament."

Orabi is in the UAE, along with two other senior Egyptian military officials, to prepare for Cairo's second Gulf arms show opening here on Monday.

"There is no country that can achieve self-sufficiency in arms," he said when asked whether Arab states can realise that goal.

"But we can achieve much in self-armament and even build a jet fighter if there are funds and more importantly ... the (political) will."

Kuwait hosted the first Egyptian Gulf arms show in December, and Orabi said he was ready to hold exhibitions in any Arab country.

"But what is more important (than the shows) is that Arab military officers should come and visit our factories to see for themselves that the arms are our own production and not assembled (foreign weapons) as some assume," he said.

Egypt, the only major Arab arms producer, has about 29

weapons production companies with an output of nearly \$1.5 billion worth of military hardware per year, according to Egyptian sources.

Its arms sales totalled \$162 million in 1987 and last month it struck deals with two Arab states worth \$50 million, Orabi told reporters.

"Negotiations are underway for similar deals with other Arab states," he said, but did not elaborate.

Weapons on display during the three-day show will range from ammunition, radar systems and rocket launchers to artillery, missiles and armoured vehicles.

The missiles include the Saqr (eagle) generation, including the Saqr 10 with a range of 11 km (seven miles) and the Saqr 30 with a range of 33 km (20 miles).

## Locusts invade North Africa

RABAT, April 3, (Reuter): Huge swarms of desert locusts edging closer to North Africa crop areas have created a critical situation requiring massive international aid to forestall disaster, officials say.

Adel Cortas of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Rabat told Reuters that Tunisia had requested 50 tonnes of pesticide, 350 mechanical sprayers and 50 two-way radios to confront the swarms which have devastated olive, fig and pomegranate plantations in the south.

Morocco urgently needs an extra 200 tonnes of pesticides, eight more light aircraft and 2,000 nozzle sprayers, he said.

Algeria, which has received aid from the European Economic Community and Saudi Arabia, needs to treat 1.8 million hectares (4.4 million acres) of infested desert in the next two months.

"The situation is critical. We have to be very careful and constantly on the watch. A change of wind could spell disaster," Cortas said in an interview.

In late April and May, prevailing winds should change and

drive the locusts south towards the Sahel area. If not, they will continue to move north towards the major grain-growing areas in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia at harvest time.

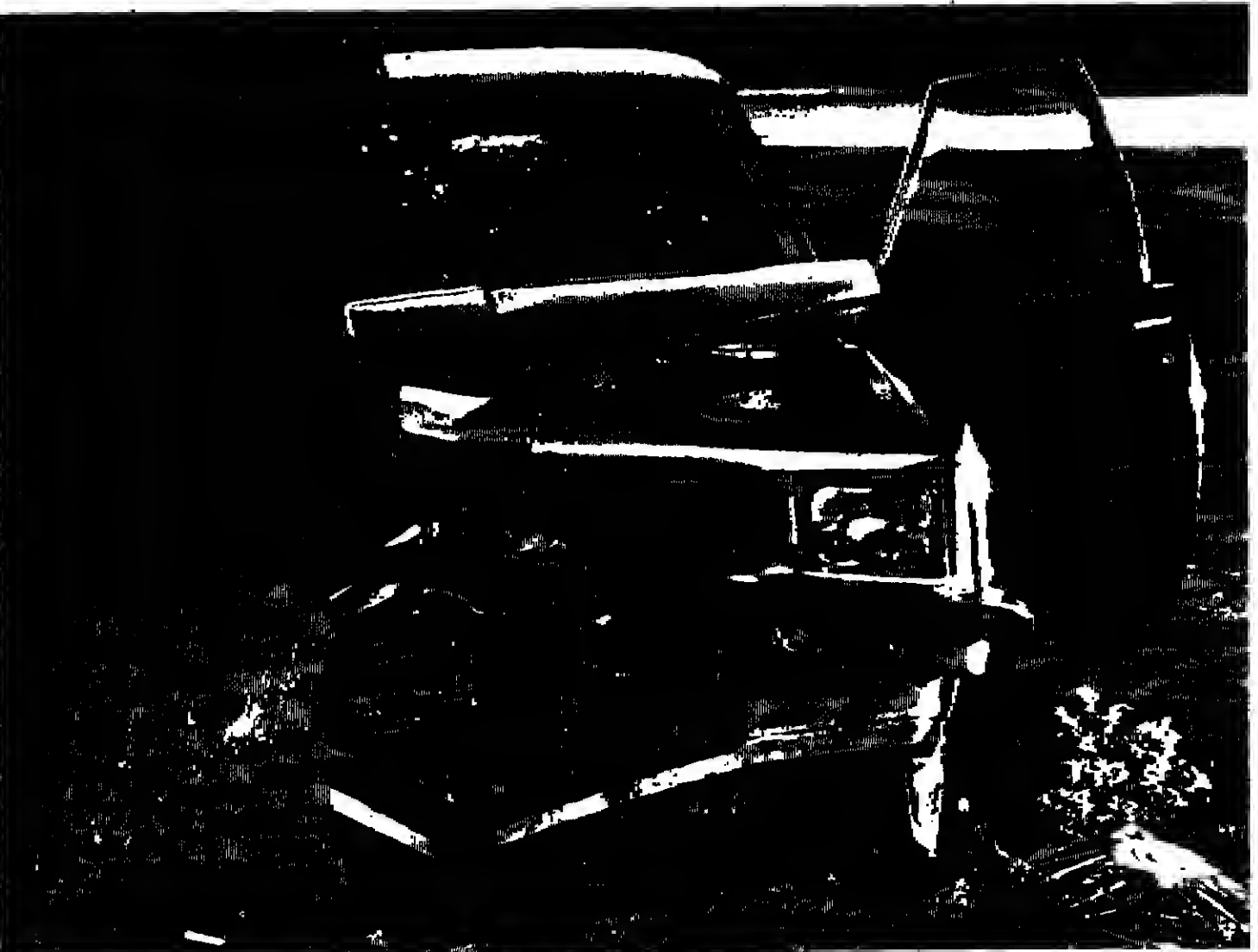
He said that at a meeting with representatives of donor countries in Rabat on Thursday, the FAO called for more urgent aid so that the locusts can be brought under control before the weather changes.

A major problem is the type of insecticide used. The four widely used are effective for only three to four days. Some areas have to be sprayed several times.

Dieldrin, the deadliest insecticide, is effective for five to six weeks, but it is banned in most countries because it is ecologically harmful and can kill anything that creeps, crawls or flies, Cortas said.

Even if the invasion towards the Mediterranean is halted, Cortas said "the danger will not be dispelled, it will simply go somewhere else" in a vast arc stretching from the Atlantic to the Red Sea covering 30 million square km (11.5 million square miles).

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# Doctors call for health awareness campaign

DOCTORS in outlying areas of the country have told a local newspaper that their patients' lack of health awareness creates many problems. The doctors called for the organisation of a health awareness campaign and said that the present situation leads to a great waste of medicines and medical skills.

On the other hand, doctors in inner city areas said that they consider their patients to be like friends and have very few problems.

A Kuwaiti newspaper interviewed several doctors in outlying regions, such as Jahra, in order to investigate their working conditions. The doctors blamed their patients' lack of health awareness for a complete lack of trust between patients and doctors. They said that some people come to the clinic every day even though they do not need treatment. They said the large numbers of people make it difficult

for doctors to treat those who are really ill.

Dr Mohammed Bahi Al Din of the Al Naim Health Centre in Jahra said that most patients are ignorant of basic health and hygiene matters and that some of them even interfere with treatments ordered by the doctor. Some insist on receiving special medicines even if they are inappropriate or unnecessary.

## Overcrowding

Dr Al Din reported that as many as 1,350 people came to the centre every day, which meant that each doctor had to see at least 200 people during his seven hour working day.

He said that as many as 80% of these people did not need any treatment at all.

The situation is aggravated by a shortage of doctors in outlying areas and also by the fact that many of their patients assume that doctors working in these

areas are poorly qualified. His colleague, Dr Ahmed Al Sayed, said that more doctors were needed for the Jahra area. He felt that the overcrowding was responsible for many of the arguments and disputes between patients and doctors. Dr Al Sayed criticised the health registration system in Jahra saying that it was disorganised and inaccurate and that this led to many problems.

In contrast, Dr Nuri Ibrahim Al Dhaher of the Khaldiya clinic said that he received only 60 to 80 patients per day, all of whom had a valid reason for visiting the clinic. His opinions were echoed by Dr Abdul Menim Qotob from the Adeliya Clinic who said that his patients had a high level of health awareness. Dr Qotob stressed that doctors in Adeliya had plenty of time to look into each patient's case and there were no problems with the health registration system.



The Housing Minister presenting certificates to graduates of the College of Education. (Photo by Javed Basra)

## Graduation ceremony

THE College of Education held a graduation ceremony on Saturday for the third batch of students from the academic year 1986-87. The ceremony was held under the patronage of the Housing Minister, Naser Al Roudhan who presented graduation certificates to the successful students.

The College Dean, Dr Saad Al

Hashef gave a speech in which he said that the College of Education was an integral part of the educational strategy of the country. He said that the college was constantly upgrading its programmes in accordance with the recommendations of the scientific affairs committee at Kuwait University.

## Rehabilitation programme

THE Public Authority for Applied Education and Training has launched a new rehabilitation programme for inmates of Kuwait's jails. The programme is being run in co-ordination with the Ministry of the Interior.

Director of the Social Welfare Bureau at the Public Authority, Ghulam Al Attar, said that there are two courses, one for electricians, the other for automobile mechanics. Sixty-eight prisoners have been enrolled, three of them from other GCC states and the

rest, Kuwaitis. Al Attar said the programme was intended to reform inmates by boosting their morale and giving them vocational skills to enable them to earn an honest living upon their release.

Al Attar added that future courses will include blacksmithing and welding, to begin in September, and also technical courses in air-conditioning and cooling systems. Successful prisoners will receive a certificate authenticating their proficiency.

## Sheikh Hamad ends visit

ABU DHABI, April 3, (Kuna): Bahrain's chief commander of Armed Forces, Sheikh Hamad Bin Essa Al Khalifa has left here following a two-day visit to the United Arab Emirates, official sources said last night.

The sources added that Sheikh Hamad met with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan and the discussions tackled issues of mutual interests.

## Amir stresses youth employment

RASHED Al Rashed, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, has said that HH the Amir has stressed the importance of finding employment for all young Kuwaitis. Al Rashed revealed that, acting on the Amir's instructions, senior officials of the Civil Service Commission had held a meeting to study ways to find employment for young Kuwaitis in all sectors of the economy.

The commission has set up a special office to deal with Kuwaiti youth employment and another office will be set up soon to handle applications for employment from young Kuwaitis. Al Rashed pointed out that at present, 43.3 per cent of all civil servants are Kuwaiti nationals, compared to 33.6 per cent in 1981.

## Emergency numbers

AN OFFICIAL source at the Interior Ministry said yesterday that telephone numbers 4818600 and 4818601 were specially meant for the public to report about security matters. These were in addition to emergency number 102.

He said that calls were accepted round the clock.

## ROYAL COURT

### Sheikh Saad to patronise

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah will patronise a seminar on traffic problems in Kuwait and how to solve them. Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem will attend the seminar to day on behalf of the Crown Prince.

## KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

### Amir's speech praised

THREE Kuwaiti dailies yesterday acclaimed the opening address of the Amir of Kuwait at the 6th conference of the Arab justice ministers as "diagnosing the core of the issues of destiny of the Arab and Islamic nations and prescribing the radical treatment." The Amir was precise in his address when he said oil that is required and demanded "is justice in redeeming the legitimate rights of the Palestinians Arabs, ending the Iraq-Iran war and liberating Afghanistan from foreign occupation," the newspapers commenting on the speech of the Amir in the opening session yesterday.

The oppression, suppression and violence of the Zionist occupiers in Palestine, Iran's refusal to respond to the repeated peace calls and the unjust foreign occupation of Afghanistan are examples of human injustices on earth, Al Anbaa, Al Watan, and Al Rai Al Aam newspaper agreed.

"The world and humanitarian logic demands correction of these wrongs, painful and regrettable situations," Al Anbaa pointed out urging the Arab and Islamic nations to fear nobody while joining hands in their search for justice for the Arabs and the Muslims.

Kuwait has always had honourable stands in support of the Palestinian cause as one of the cases of justice and has always viewed the war between the Two Muslim neighbours as draining the human and material resources of the Gulf countries, Al Rai Al Aam said.

Concluding Al Rai Al Aam said that conferences like the present one, help coordinate Arab and Muslim states efforts in ending the crises, and finding out solutions in addition to fostering cooperation.

On its part, Al Watan quoted the Amir's wonder at what the nations and organisations advocating human rights have to say about the developments in occupied Palestine where the Zionist occupiers have been persecuting the rightful owners of the land with the full knowledge and disguised blessings of these nations and institutions.

## Plan underway for GCC power link

KUWAIT'S Electricity and Water Minister Dr Hmoud Rqobah said in an interview published yesterday that a plan was underway to link the six countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council by an electrical network.

He noted that Iraq had volunteered to offer the water supplies free of charge and added that the project would cost Kuwait less than what the country is now spending on desalination of sea water.

### Options

The network would help the six countries to cope with certain periods of overload, the minister said in this interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Rai Al-Aam.

The project, he added, would be executed by foreign companies while supervision would be the task of regional governments.

Rqobah meanwhile, noted that the water Iraq accepted to provide Kuwait with from the Shatt Al-Arab would be primarily used for irrigation purposes.

Asked on how the ministry's plans for electricity, the minister pointed out that alternative energy resources are very limited in Kuwait and there are only few options left.

Among these, according to the minister, are the solar energy and the use of nuclear reactors for power generation. But he was quick to add that solar energy was not feasible for cooling purposes and that nuclear reactors would call for many safety measures.

## KFAS training courses

DR Ali Shamlan, director general of the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS) opened two training courses on Saturday. One course deals with manpower resources management, the other with the cost-effectiveness of industrial companies.

Dr Shamlan delivered an

opening speech in which he said that the courses were especially important in view of the government's policy of rationalising expenditure. He said that KFAS aims to help the process of technological transfer and seeks to develop the country's scientific cadres so that they can contribute more effectively to national progress.

## Indian envoy

DIRECTOR of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister's office Abdullah Saud Al Abdul Razzak met yesterday with Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, N.N. Jha.

Discussions at the meeting dealt with bilateral relations and issues of joint interest.

## Photography shop opened at Doha Entertainment City

A SHOP for "fun photography" using Polaroid new instant image film and for selling Kodak and Polaroid products was opened recently at Doha Entertainment City by Abdul Aziz & Partner Trading Company.

The company introduced many new characters for "fun photography," including cartoon favourites such as Super-

man, The Hulk, Mr 'T' and Rambo, as well as Walt Disney characters such as Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.

This proved very popular with children, and on National Day, for instance, thousands of children had photographs taken with their faces on cartoon characters.

The company plans to

introduce more characters in different locations of Entertainment City, and to provide many new products and services.

The company's name was changed from Abdul Aziz & Anwar & Partners Trading Company since the official take-over by Abdul Aziz Khalid Al Abdul Razzak.



Khalid Abdul Razzak cuts the ribbon to open the new shop, watched by assistant general manager Lusi Al Abdul Razzak, general manager Martin Bergman and showroom manager Abdul Hamid Elwa.

## Health conference begins

AMMAN, April 3, (Kuna): The 13th ordinary session of the Arab Health Ministers Council today started here with the participation of representatives of international and regional health organisations.

Kuwait's Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi who is chairman of the council's executive bureau said in an inaugural speech that the council will support the Palestinian uprising in the occupied lands to continue its struggle against Israeli suppression.

He also called on the international and regional organisations to support the Palestinians people to regain their legitimate rights under their leadership and supply them with much needed medical equipment and services.

Awadi meanwhile asserted the need to Arabise the medical studies with the cooperation of high education ministries in the Arab nation and to initiate and develop pharmaceutical industries instead of continued reliance of foreign companies.

## Mini OIC summit to be held in Kuwait next week

FOUR Muslim heads of state and PLO leader Yasser Arafat will meet in Kuwait next week to discuss the Gulf, Afghanistan and the Israeli-occupied territories, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

They said the two-day meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) committee heads starting on April 10 would discuss regional developments since the January 1987 Islamic summit.

The open agenda was likely to be dominated by the Iran-Iraq war, Soviet proposals to end the Afghan war and the four-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories, they said.

Apart from Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Presidents Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq of Pakistan, Kenan Evren of Turkey and Maumoon Abdul Gayoom of the Maldives were expected to join the Amir of Kuwait for the meeting.

Senegal, Morocco and Gabon would send lower-ranking

officials, the diplomats said.

At its last summit, the 46-member OIC asked the Amir to follow up efforts to end the 7-1/2-year-old war between member states Iran and Iraq.

But Iran, which boycotted the summit on the grounds that Kuwait favoured Iraq, has rejected new OIC initiatives.

The 1987 summit also called for a Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan, whose OIC membership was suspended after Moscow's 1979 intervention.

## Moon-sighting committee meeting

THE Ministry of Justice announced yesterday that the meeting of the official sighting committee for the crescent of the month of Ramadan will start meeting on Saturday the 16th of this month.

The ministry, in an announcement in the official gazette "Kuwait Today", urged residents of Kuwait to come for testimony when they sight the crescent of the holy month.

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## Abu Lisan's pioneering research

## Study on biochemical changes in AIDS carriers

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S leading clinical biochemist has conducted special tests on blood samples from all of Kuwait's 15 reported AIDS carriers as part of his research project, which, when completed, may help identify asymptomatic AIDS carriers using a technique simpler and cheaper than the existing ones. The research may also help crack the code of treatment for AIDS patients.

Dr Mustafa Abu Lisan, the director of Clinical Laboratories for the Amiri health region, has studied changes in amino acids in asymptomatic seropositive (HIV) human immunodeficiency virus patients, all of whom are males, and compared them with those of 20 healthy individuals of the same age and sex. His study which centres on phenylalanine, and amino acid related neurological disorders, is the first known attempt in the Gulf to study the biochemical changes of amino acids in asymptomatic AIDS carriers.

**Identify**  
Abu Lisan has submitted the abstracts of his research paper to the organisers of the IV International Conference on AIDS to be held in June in Stockholm, Sweden, and he hopes the research paper will be accepted.

The tests Abu Lisan carried out showed the increased levels of phenylalanine in all AIDS carriers but not in healthy individuals.

"The significant phenylalanine elevation in a patient can serve as a provisional indicator that this person needs a confirmatory AIDS test or should be cross-checked by using the ELISA technique," says Abu



Abu Lisan

So far scientists used proteins as markers for the diagnosis of AIDS. But Abu Lisan believes it is essential to identify the amino acids affected by the virus so that they can be used as markers in diagnosing AIDS. If further research establishes a singular link between AIDS and levels of phenylalanine in patients then amino-acids tests, which are simpler and cheaper to carry out than the techniques currently in use, will help identify AIDS patients.

This could be of particular significance for developing countries with limited resources and could be of special value when large numbers have to be tested for AIDS.

**Concentrated**  
Abu Lisan has also established that levels of phenylalanine do not rise in patients suffering from some infectious and other diseases but he intends to expand on this aspect of research.

Abu Lisan has concentrated on phenylalanine because the increased levels of this amino

acid are never found in healthy grown-ups. They are, however, found in small children and then they often lead to mental retardation.

Abu Lisan was intrigued by the fact that levels of phenylalanine rise in AIDS carriers, then increase further in full-blown AIDS cases who are known to suffer from neurological disorders.

The scientist is somewhat concerned that his sample is rather small but is unable to do anything about it since only 15 AIDS carriers have been discovered in Kuwait. However, a French specialist, Professor P.M. Girard of Claude Bernard Hospital in Paris, has been tackling similar aspects of the disease and has been in touch with Kuwait's biochemist. Abu Lisan hopes that a kind of cooperation can be established to increase the validity of the work exploring the effects of the deadly virus on amino-acids.

**Contribute**  
"It is essential that the data in my research are substantiated by those from countries with a larger number of AIDS patients," said Abu Lisan. He says he has reason to believe that his research may contribute to the endeavours to possibly devise treatment for AIDS patients.

Kuwait's National Committee for detection, prevention and control of AIDS, which has Abu Lisan among its members, is also seeking participation in the AIDS conference in Stockholm and has prepared a paper based on the findings from Kuwait's screening programme.

The committee's presentation will also lay out the future plans for the control of the disease in the country.



Arab justice ministers were yesterday received by HH the Amir. They presented him with a shield (left). They were also received by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah (right).

## Justice ministers' meeting continues

## No emergency laws imposed on Iraq due to Gulf war

IRAQI Justice Minister Dr Akram Abdul Qader Ali affirmed yesterday that the Iraq-Iran war did not affect the status of laws in his country.

He added, in response to a question during a press conference yesterday afternoon, that emergency laws or legislation were not issued in Iraq due to war circumstances, stressing that emergency laws will "never" be issued under such a situation. Meanwhile, the minister said that during the working sessions he recommended the issuance of two resolutions one regarding the Iraq-Iran war and the other on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab territories.

**Riots**  
He elaborated that the first resolution, regarding the Gulf war, would refer to all Iranian aggressions on Kuwait and on ships in the Gulf in addition to the Iranian pilgrims' riots during last year's pilgrimage season in Makkah, Saudi Arabia. The Iraqi official added that the participants agreed to submit it for discussion.

Asked whether the Arab unified law on personal status faced any obstacles during the current session, the Iraqi minister said that "95 per cent of its articles come in coherence with the situation in the Arab states", noting that the law was recommended by Iraq.

**Discussed**  
Arab ministers of justice concluded yesterday evening their third working session, during which they discussed activities of the Arab justice ministerial council's secretariat and the Arab centre for legal and judicial researches.

Official spokesman of the sixth session of the Arab justice ministerial council Abdul Azz Al Dakhal said that these activities include the following: Completing preparations of a comprehensive programme for technical assistance and specialised advice.

The listing of one of the issues of the general international law on the agenda. A report by the board of directors of the Arab centre for legal

and judicial research.

The first meeting of the general directors of judicial institutes in Arab countries.

Comparative studies on jurisprudence to Arab countries in field of legal investigation, commercial companies and marine and land trade.

He also announced that the Arab justice ministers will conclude their meetings here Monday evening instead of Tuesday, noting that they will hold their fourth working session Monday morning.

Al Dakhal said that the final session will not be held behind closed doors. The final resolutions will be announced at that public session.

HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received in audience Arab justice ministers.

The ministers thanked the Amir for inaugurating the conference. The Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs, Dhari Abdullah Al Othman attended the meeting.

## Quick end to war urged

ABU DHABI, April 3, (UPI): A United Arab Emirates official today appealed to the United States and the Soviet Union to join hands in putting a quick end to the Iran-Iraq war and Israel's brutal measures in quelling a Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, also urged the two superpowers to accord the Palestinian issue the "appropriate importance" on the agenda of President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev when they meet in Moscow in May.

## Threat

Arab officials have complained regional conflicts, such as the 20-year-old Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the 7-1/2-year-old Gulf war, have attracted little attention during the previous three summits between Reagan and Gorbachev.

Nahyan told a visiting Soviet delegation, led by Georgy Tarashevich vice-president of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet Union's communist parliament, that Washington and Moscow should assume their inter-

national responsibilities to bring about a quick end to the Iran-Iraq war, the Emirates News Agency reported.

The agency quoted Nahyan as saying the war "represented a dangerous threat to regional peace and security and to the world as a whole."

It said the UAE leader also appealed to the superpowers to "intervene and put an end to the brutal practices by Israeli occupation authorities against the Palestinian people's uprising."

## Amir of Qatar receives Iranian message

DOHA, April 3, (Kuna): Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani received a letter from Iran's Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi, it was reported here today.

Qatar News Agency (QNA) said the handwritten letter was delivered to Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Suhaim Al Thani by the Iranian Ambassador here.

There were no details on the content of the message.

## Qaboos calls for Arab solidarity

CAIRO, April 3, (Xinhua): Sultan Qaboos Bin Sa'id of Oman has called on the Arab nation to unite and regard the Iraq-Iran war rationally, not emotionally.

In a statement published yesterday by the Egyptian newspaper "Al-Ahram".

Sultan Qaboos said, "We should study things deeply and not let emotions rule our decisions. We must be fully convinced."

Sultan Qaboos urged the two superpowers to shoulder their responsibility and mobilise all their potentials for suspending the Gulf war, which will have positive results on world peace.

**Changing**  
On the Palestinian issue, Sultan Qaboos hailed the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, pointing out that the Palestinian people's struggle is aimed at changing the deteriorating situation.

Sultan Qaboos called for the organising of an Arab media campaign in order to explain the dimensions of that uprising.

He pointed out that the Palestinians and Jordanians should work out an integrated concept to fulfil the national interests, and they should coordinate with Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.

On the convention of an extraordinary Arab Summit, Sultan Qaboos said, "It is of no

use at all to convene an Arab summit of the Palestinian uprising."

Referring to the Arab League, Sultan Qaboos said it would be insufficient to maintain the present status of the Arab League since it has to shoulder more important responsibilities.

He added that the Arab League without Egypt is incomplete, stressing that Egypt should have its place in it.

The Sultan's statement was made to an Egyptian press delegation during its visit to Oman. The delegation returned here Friday.

## Municipality to tighten control of foodstuff shops

THE director of the food and shops licences department at Kuwait Municipality, Yousef Al Mailem, has said that the department had prepared a comprehensive programme for control of foodstuff shops during the holy month of Ramadan.

He also told a local newspaper that some food inspectors had been referred to the Public Prosecutors Office on charges of corruption.

He emphasised that the department was ready to listen to any complaint against any employee or controller. He said that all complaints were referred to the investigation department for checking, adding some complaints were found to be baseless.

He said that some controllers had been convicted and the necessary legal action taken against four of them.

## Moving

"To avoid such problems the department was trying to put the right man in the right place, and was continuously moving employees among different areas."

Al Mailem said that shop owners should not admit any inspector who did not carry an identity card, adding that cooperation in this connection would benefit the owners and the department.

He praised the cooperation between the municipality and the Kuwait Merchants Union, particularly regarding compliance with the department's decisions and the Kuwait measurements and specifications standards.

He confirmed the department banned selling of foodstuff at residential houses, saying that

many complaints had been received about this and legal action had been taken against the violators.

The newspaper also interviewed an area general controller, Jaman Al Hajri.

He said the work of inspectors was to supervise and control foodstuff shops.

He called on citizens to pay more attention to the production and expiry dates of goods they wished to purchase, and to inform the department about any violations.

He said that the department was making efforts to develop the knowledge of employees by arranging training courses.

The assistant general controller for technical affairs, Ibrahim Ahmed, told the newspaper that some merchants did not follow the food department's specifications and regulations, such as having production dates, expiry dates, contents and country of origin printed on labels of foodstuff.

He defended inspectors, saying that bribery cases were rare.

He said that violations in one area averaged 300 a month, adding that the inspectors carried out their duty whether the merchants were pleased or not.

## Corruption

An official source at the municipality has revealed details of two attempts to import foodstuffs into Kuwait which had passed their expiry date and were unfit for human consumption. Both attempts were foiled by authorities and those involved were all arrested.

The first attempt involved a cargo of nuts which were found

to be unfit for human consumption when they were examined. However, when the owner of the cargo checked in with the official responsible for issuing the entry licence the official said that he would let the cargo through for a bribe of 450 dinars. He later increased this to 600 dinars.

The owner pretended to agree to pay the bribe, then went to see the Minister of State for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Abdul Mohsen Al Rifai and told him the whole story. Al Rifai contacted the Minister of the Interior, Sheikh Salem Al Sabah who coordinated the operation against the corrupt officials. They were arrested in the act of taking the bribe and issuing the illegal entry permit.

The incident raised doubts about an earlier case where 200 tons of meat from West Germany had been imported. This cargo was partly owned by a lawyer and investigations showed that the same official had undertaken to sign the import papers. He had also persuaded two fellow doctors to sign the papers certifying that the meat was fit for human consumption when, in fact, the meat was four months past the expiry date.

The police arrested all those involved and investigations revealed that the West German meat suppliers had offered to sell the meat cheaply to a number of local dealers in Kuwait, all of whom had refused to accept the meat because of its dubious validity. Security men also discovered that the corrupt official had 37,000 dinars in his bank account although his salary was only 600 dinars and he had no other source of income.

## 23 accidents

A MAN died yesterday after being struck by a speeding car in Qadisiya area.

There were 23 traffic accidents in Kuwait. Nine took place in Jahra, eight in Ahmedi, four in Hawalli and two in the capital.

## Cable of thanks from track and field union

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah yesterday received a cable from president of the Palestinian Union for Track and Field, which expressed thanks and appreciation for the hosting of the Palestinian marathon and Kuwaiti supportive stance for the Palestinian people.

Sheikh Saad sent a reply cable expressing his thanks for the noble sentiments of the union's president, and prayed to the Almighty to patronise the struggle of the Palestinian people to liberate their land and restore their legitimate rights.

## Distribution of stalls

A LOT was drawn to distribute 283 retail stalls at the vegetable and fruit market in Shuwaikh. Kuwait Municipality recommended that the existing number of stalls should not be increased but that vacant stalls should be allocated to disabled Kuwaiti dealers. It was also proposed to assign new activities to these vacant stalls to encourage trade in other foodstuffs such as eggs, dates or salt.

Sources at the Municipality said that the stalls so far allocated were specifically for the purpose of selling imported foodstuffs but discussions were being held to allocate a special set of stalls just for selling locally grown produce.

## Oman-China set to boost ties

MUSCAT, April 3, (Kuna): An Omani-Chinese official round of talks was held here today led by Foreign Undersecretary for political affairs Haimen Bin Tareq Bin Taimor Al Sa'id from the Omani side while the Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Che Hu Yuan led his country's team to the talks, Radio Muscat reported.

The discussions covered bilateral relations and ways of upgrading cooperation between the two countries in various fields.

The two sides exchanged views on issues of common interest topped by the situation in the Gulf region and developments of the Iraq-Iran war where Yuan explained to the Omani official his country's efforts to halt that war in its capacity as a permanent member of the Security Council.

## Malaysian minister

MUSCAT, April 3, (Kuna): The Deputy Prime Minister for Legal Affairs Sayyid Fahd Bin Mahmud Al Said received at his office today the Malaysian Foreign Minister Dato' Hajj Abdul Hassan Haj Omar currently visiting the sultanate.

During the interview they discussed bilateral relations and means of bolstering them at various levels of cooperation. The current situation in the international arena and issues of common interest were also discussed.

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## EDITORIALS

## ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

IMAGINATION is more important than knowledge —  
Albert Einstein, German-born physicist (1879-1955).Angola becomes  
a military giant

By Jan Raath

LUANDA, (DPA): The 18-storey mausoleum being built near the foreshore of Luanda in honour of Angola's first president, Agostino Neto, with its pointed slender missile-like shape dwarfing thousands of nearby squatter shanties, is an unwitting symbol for the style of this former Portuguese colony.

"Military power and sophistication amidst poverty," observed a Western diplomat. "But you can't blame the Angolans, they've been forced into this situation."

Fourteen years of repeated occupation of the south of the country by South African forces and a guerrilla war against the South African and American-backed Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) movement of Jonas Savimbi in most of the rest of the country have turned Angola into a reluctant military nation with armaments and sophistication probably second in Africa only to South Africa's military analysts conclude.

Only massive supplies of Soviet, Brazilian, Cuban, East German and other East Bloc material as well as about 38,000 Cuban soldiers have enabled the Angolan armed forces to withstand a direct conventional onslaught by South Africa.

Threat  
"The South Africans have made a big mistake with their invasion," commented one foreign journalist resident in Luanda. "They have turned Angola into a major military power in Africa that will be a threat to them long after the war has ended."

But it is in the rest of the country that the Movement for the Popular Liberation of Angola (Impala) government of President Eduardo Jose Dos Santos has to contend with a much less visible and well-armed enemy.

Luanda province, by far the smallest of the 18 in the country, is regarded as the only one where travel outside the city is safe from Unita ambushes.

A group of foreign journalists invited to Angola recently were flown over extensive tracts of the country, and from the air it is clear that the 8,500 kilometres of tar roads are rarely used.

Transport linking the coastal cities with the interior is almost exclusively under heavy military convoy that often comes under attack. "Angola has become a nation of air travellers," commented a Western aid worker. "It's the only relatively safe way of getting from one place to another."

Foreign donor agencies report that one of their main problems

US Justice Department  
seen in worst crisis

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): A criminal investigation of the top US law officer has thrown the Justice Department into its worst crisis since the Watergate scandal and embarrassed Vice-President George Bush in his quest for the White House.

Attorney-General Edwin Meese is resisting demands that he resign to salvage the reputation of an administration which President Reagan wants to be remembered for its high moral standards.

"Those in politics should be above reproach. If you finally reach a place where there is a cloud of suspicion, you owe it to the president to remove yourself," Republican Senator Robert Packwood of Oregon said.

Six Justice Department officials resigned on Tuesday, apparently out of concern that it was being damaged by the inquiry into Meese's role in an Iraqi oil pipeline project, his ties to the scandal-plagued Wedtech Corporation and his financial affairs.

## Worst

Special prosecutor James McKay announced on Friday he would not bring charges against Meese, who has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing and insisted he will stay on.

"There is no question in my mind it's the worst crisis for the department since Watergate," said lawyer Thomas Puccio, who served as a Justice Department prosecutor in the scandal that

## Communist movement far from crushed

## Philippines rebels suffer major setback

By Miguel C. Suarez

MANILA, (AP): Communist rebels suffered a major setback with the recent arrest of their top leaders, but military officials and analysts say the insurgents are far from beaten.

Through their 19-year rebellion, the guerrillas have demonstrated remarkable resilience. They replaced captured leaders, stepped up attacks and spread their influence from the countryside to urban centres, including Manila.

President Corason Aquino, who has vowed to crush the insurgency before his term expires in 1992, hailed last Tuesday's arrests of the New Peoples Army commander and the Communist Party's No. 2 man as a turning point.

"It clearly demonstrates that we have turned the tide and are winning the war against the communist insurgency," she said in a statement.

But military officials and oth-

ers say the President may have spoken too soon.

They acknowledge, however, that the arrests of NPA commander Romulo Kintanar, secretary-general Rafael Baylosis and four other rebels were a dramatic success for the government and a big blow to the 25,000-strong New People's Army.

## Disturb

"It will disturb some of their programmes," said Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Biazon, Manila area commander. "But to say that this means the defeat of the communist movement may not entirely be correct because we are fighting an idea, and the idea is still there."

Francisco Tatad, a columnist and former information minister under ousted President Ferdinand Marcos, noted the insurgents not only survived but expanded after the capture in the mid-1970s of party founder Jose Maria Sison and former NPA commander Bernabe Buscayno.

Tatad said the rebels now enjoy broad support among

workers, students, the clergy and other groups in society and that the government must improve its services "to make the very idea of insurgency obsolete."

The arrests came as the military was on alert for expected rebel attacks making last Tuesday's 19th anniversary of the NPA. Instead it was the military that struck, raiding communist hideouts in the capital.

The arrest of Kintanar, 37, is especially significant. A master guerrilla strategist, he was widely believed to have organised assassination squads known as "Sparrow Units."

## Killed

Police say up to 4,000 Sparrows are deployed in metropolitan Manila, where they have killed more than 150 police, soldiers and government officials since January 1987.

Veteran journalist Max Soliven wrote in the Philippine Star that for the first time in years, the rebels are "now sweating it out." But he warned against complacency.

"This is hardly the time to relax," Soliven wrote. "The NPAs are so desperate at this juncture that they may unleash a series of furious attacks and ambushes, just to create the impression that the movement remains strong and capable of action despite the terrible blow which has just decapitated their top leadership."

## Reforms

Sen. Rene Saguisag, Aquino's former spokesman, agreed it was too early to say whether the arrests have dealt a fatal blow to the insurgency.

"You have to consider many other things, like the economy," Saguisag said. "But certainly, it's a setback to the insurgents and a plus for the government."

Saguisag said one factor favouring the government is that "now we have a popularly elected president who is credible and remains very popular and a legislative that is trying to put together a Land Reform Act."

He said since Aquino took over from Marcos on Feb 25,

1986, she has introduced broad social, economic and other reforms. Saguisag acknowledged that substantial disaffection remains but "it is nowhere like the disenchantment with Marcos, which was across the board."

The Communist Party of the Philippines was organised during the Marcos administration and gained strength because of widespread opposition to his authoritarian rule.

More than a decade for the rebels, the arrests are seen as a morale booster for the underpaid, ill-equipped Armed Forces of the Philippines. Since Aquino took office more than two years ago, the 160,000-member armed forces has been wracked by divisions that resulted in at least half a dozen coup attempts.

Defence Secretary Fidel V. Ramos says those days are over. He said the arrests show the military is now a united, effective force.

"Since the AFP does not have to worry about its backdoor, we

can now concentrate on the communist threat," he said. "Before, we had our hands full from several sides, including the military rebels."

The significance of Tuesday's arrests may depend on the accuracy of intelligence reports of a bitter power struggle within guerrilla ranks.

## In-fighting

According to military officials, the in-fighting is between those favouring force and others who want the movement to use its resources to expand politically among the rural population.

Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre, the capital's chief law enforcer, predicted that Tuesday's arrests will deepen divisions among the rebels because each faction will blame the other for the setback.

Much also depends on the level of foreign assistance following to the rebels. Military officials say the funds come from leftist groups in Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the United States.

Democrats soul-searching  
over Jackson's success

By Matthew C. Quinn

WASHINGTON, (UPI): Democratic leaders are confronting the distinct possibility that Jesse Jackson will win the presidential nomination as the reality of his phenomenal showing in the primaries sinks in.

With his success, Jackson faces the prospect of new scrutiny of his record and positions. "It goes with the territory," said Democratic chairman Paul Kirk.

Jackson and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis each have amassed about a third of the delegates needed for nomination at the July Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, and the outcome is very much up in the air. Following Jackson's landslide in the Michigan caucuses a week ago, it became apparent to many for the first time that he just might win.

Oregon Senate Democratic leader Bill Bradbury summed up the feeling of many Democrats from around the country when he said: "My traditional political instincts say no, I would not be comfortable with Jesse Jackson. I'm involved in an internal war with myself about why I feel that way."

"It's beyond the race issue. My bottom line is that George Bush should not be president and there are lot of things Republicans can throw out that raise questions about Jesse Jackson."

## Controversial

Bradbury and others cited Jackson's much-publicised meetings with Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, and Cuban President Fidel Castro, his management of the Civil Rights Organisation he founded and controversial comments during the 1984 campaign calling Jews "hymies" and New York City "hymietown."

But others believe Jackson could win because of his ability to galvanise voters. "A Jesse Jackson candidacy this fall could break new ground in American politics," said California party chairman Peter Kelly. "The lan-

descape of American politics would be changed."

Jackson has come through the campaign so far largely unscathed by opponents and the news media, perhaps because of a feeling that attacks might be interpreted as racist or that like four years ago he did not have a real chance of winning.

"All along, people on the Democratic side and the press have treated Jackson with kid gloves because no one wants to appear racist," said Suellen Albrecht, chairwoman of the Wisconsin Democratic Party.

But now that he has a real chance at winning the nomination, that has already begun to change. Jewish voters are especially concerned about his positions on the Middle East.

## Divisions

Jackson says he is "reaching out" to Jewish leaders to avoid the emotional debate that stifled his last campaign and tempered his rhetoric. So far, he has succeeded. But significant divisions remain that could come to the fore with the approaching primary in New York, which has a powerful Jewish electorate.

"He has not totally eliminated suspicions and fears in the Jewish community. There is still a hangover," said Hyman Bookbinder, Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee.

"Heretofore, Jackson has more or less been getting a free ride," said David Brody, Washington director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith. "But the fact that he's black doesn't absolve him from any disagreements. If you're not going to criticise him because he's black, you're taking his blackness into account."

Dukakis has refrained from criticising his main rival, even after his big loss to Jackson in Michigan that recast the Democratic race.

But Sen. Albert Gore Jr of Tennessee, in a speech to New York Jewish leaders last week, criticised Jackson's positions on Israel and "total lack of govern-

ment experience at any level."

"There is no reason why anyone should think that Jesse Jackson ought to be treated differently from any other candidate in this race," said Gore.

There has been little public talk of a "stop-Jackson" effort, although some Democratic officials are said to be in panic over the prospect of running on a Jackson ticket in November.

Some Democrats are getting used to the idea that Jackson might head the ticket and looking on the bright side: Jackson's ability to arouse enthusiasm among black and growing numbers of white voters. Others fear he is unelectable.

West Bankers' concern:  
bread, not bullets

By John Rice

RAMALLAH, Occupied West Bank, (AP): "Please. Please. A kilo of bread," shouted women outside a bakery off Ramallah's Main Square.

The flustered bakery owner held out empty hands.

"That's all. I can't sell anymore," the stocky, gray-haired man shouted back, locking his shop door to obey the demands of gun-toting Israeli soldiers who had confiscated his identity papers.

The closing of stores at gunpoint throughout Ramallah on Tuesday morning began three days of what residents called a siege by Israeli troops determined to crush a four-month-old Arab uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israeli troops closed off the territories for three days, hoping to prevent massive demonstrations on March 30, a Palestinian commemoration of efforts to fight Israeli land confiscations.

The military ordered all 650,000 Arabs in the Gaza Strip to stay in their homes and severed telephone links.

On the West Bank, Israel blocked the 900,000 Arabs from leaving their towns. Journalists were forbidden to enter or travel without military escorts.

An Associated Press reporter entered Ramallah, 12 kilometres (8 miles) north of occupied Jerusalem, hours before the Army set up roadblocks. He left Friday morning, after the curfew

was lifted.

On day one, troops in riot gear moved through the hilly streets of Ramallah and neighbouring El Bireh, forcing shops to close. It was punishment for the merchant's nearly universal acceptance of a Palestine Liberation Organisation demand they open in mornings and close in afternoons.

The shutdowns left the twin cities, home to about 55,000 Palestinians, quiet and seemingly peaceful.

Men unable to reach jobs tended to their gardens. Women chatted while shelling almonds in front of their limestone houses.

Shrieking children scampered around vacant lots kicking soccer balls or hurling rocks at one another.

"If I see the soldiers, I run," said a pushcart vendor named Bassam, who glanced nervously up a street near Ramallah's main business district while cutting off bananas for customers.

Closures  
The conflicting demands of Israel and the underground Arab leaders have caused similar, longer closures in Bethlehem, Nablus, Jericho and Jenin.

Abdel Hamouri, co-owner of a fleet of commuter buses, said the Israelis "are talking to the people who do not have the solution in their hands. The solution is in the hands of the people who own shops."

"I'm not afraid of the military government. I'm afraid of the guy I don't know who he is or what he is going to do," he said, referring to masked young men

who tell shopowners when to open or close.

Israel has tried to break the underground leadership by arresting more than 4,000 Arabs, by government count. Palestinian lawyers insist the toll is much higher.

Yet protests continue, and walls throughout the town carry spray-painted slogans such as "Long Live the Uprising" and "Up with the PLO."

Arabs said Jewish settlers were responsible for a grim reply stenciled on a few walls — a hand holding a club over a broken bone, reference to Israel's use of beatings to quell disturbances.

## Worse

The three-day closure was Israel's broadest effort yet to stifle protests against military occupation. But most Palestinians interviewed in Ramallah's streets said it was little worse than existing restrictions.

"To the boys here, it doesn't matter," said a young man named Suleiman, trying to evade the soldiers who had imposed a curfew on the crowded EBAN refugee camp.

He said most young men sleep outside the camp to escape the Army's midnight raids.

Israel earlier severed international telephone connections to the West Bank and Gaza, blocked deliveries of gasoline and fuel oil to Arab dealers and imposed a tight limit on the West Bank's crucial foreign currency imports.

It now demands proof of tax payment to obtain a driver's licence or exit visa.

## Party still rules in China

Democracy on display at  
National People's Congress

By Jim Abrams

BEIJING, (AP): A Beijing delegate, confronting acting Premier Li Peng, complains that pregnant women employees in rural factories are being forced to do strenuous work.

A Tibetan delegate, in discussions open to foreign journalists, says the government goes little for his region's abject poverty.

The Communist Party, which exercises absolute power over China, has decided that criticism, if well-controlled, is not a bad thing. Thus democracy, as the party defines it, is on display at the current session of the National People's Congress, the legislature.

The NPC, defined by the constitution as "the highest organ of state power," has never been more than a poor sister to the Communist Party.

The party politburo is the fount of all major policies and initiates the drafting of major laws. NPC deputies, with no real power to introduce legislation, are relegated to giving formal approval to decisions handed down from above.

Yet the Chinese point with pride to the 7th session of the NPC as the most democratic and open to date.

## Influence

"We have enjoyed fully our democratic rights, and our views do have an influence on the formulation of state policies," said Zhu Rongji, head of the Shanghai delegation.

The 2,970 delegates to the annual three-week session are encouraged to speak their minds on problems that the party deems open to debate, and some do so with surprising frankness.

Acting Premier Li, in a meeting with Beijing delegates that was aired on national television, was told that self-employed businessmen face excessive taxes and extortion; and that more money needs to be spent on cultural affairs.

Foreign journalists, for the first time allowed to listen to group discussions, heard vice-governor Zhu Jiazhen of north-east China's Liaoning province bemoan the large amount of

revenue the province had to pay the central government.

A Liaoning farmer, after describing his first trip to the NPC as "glorious," said the state was slighting agricultural development. A scientist grumbled that scientists are poorly paid and don't receive enough for inventions.

## Grievances

The discussions, coming between plenary sessions in which lengthy government reports are read, gave delegates a chance to air personal grievances and plug local interests. But there was little give-and-take, and little evidence that those in power were listening.

One delegate from the People's Liberation Army, Lu Liang, was quoted by the official news agency Xinhua as asking: "If ministers don't attend our panel discussions, how can they hear what we say?"

Xinhua also quoted former NPC standing committee member Cheng Siyuan as saying that although the constitution gives the NPC the authority to oversee state affairs, "we've seldom seen this power of supervision over government organs exercised."

China acknowledges that past NPC had little more than a rubber-stamp function and that NPC deputies were nicknamed "handraisers" for giving unanimous approval to all resolutions.

But there have been notable reforms in recent years. The 7th session, which will meet for five years, is the first in which there were more candidates than elected delegates.

Fujian province vice-governor Yon Dexin told a news conference the Provincial People's Congress selected Fujian's 70 delegates from a list of 93 candidates.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1581 — England's Queen Elizabeth I knights Sir Francis Drake.
- 1611 — Denmark's King Christian IV declares war on Sweden.
- 1618 — Cardinal Richelieu is ordered into exile in Avignon for intrigues with France's queen mother Marie de Medici.
- 1660 — England's King Charles II issues Declaration of Breda promising religious tolerance.
- 1827 — Note is sent by Russia, France and Britain to Sultan of Turkey urging truce in war with Greece.
- 1844 — Germany occupies South-West Africa, Togoland and Cameroons.
- 1912 — Chinese republic is proclaimed in Tibet.
- 1919 — Soviet republic is established in Bavaria.
- 1933 — US Navy dirigible Akron falls into Atlantic Ocean off New Jersey, taking 73 lives.
- 1942 — Japanese naval forces sink three British warships in Bay of Bengal during World War II.
- 1949 — North Atlantic Treaty is signed in Washington by foreign ministers of United States, Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Portugal, Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Canada for mutual assistance against aggression in North Atlantic.
- 1959 — Ivory Coast signs series of agreements with Niger, Upper Volta and Dahomey to form Sabel-Benin Union.
- 1964 — Archbishop Makarios abrogates 1960 treaty between Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, and heavy fighting erupts in northwest Cyprus.
- 1969 — Doctors in Houston, Texas, hospital implant first complete artificial heart in 47-year-old man, who dies four days later.
- 1986 — Israel formally asks for access to United Nations war crimes commission file on former Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.
- 1987 — Chad's President Hissene Habre celebrates nation's military victory over Libya saying he is ready to open peace talks with Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi.



## INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

## Tall claims fall short of reality

By Fathima Ahmed

INDIAN film magazines said *Falak* was Raakhee's film. They compared it with *Mother India* and claimed Raakhee's performance is better than Nargis in *Mother India*.

Wrong. Director Shashilal Nair's *Falak* (The Sky), scripted by Salim Khan, makes tall claims — but seems to be down in the dumps for a better part of 17 reels.

Raakhee is just another pawn in the commercial game. Her performance is subdued, verging on the theatrical, and never exceptional.

The theme is full of platitudes. Salim Khan's script begs to differ from the conveyor-belt movies but somewhere along the line, it falls into the same trap — vendetta. In doing so, it repeats itself, and invariably, good triumphs over evil.

The vendetta is played on two levels — the legal and the illegal. Lawyer Ravi battles on the legal front. Vijay, with a lengthy police record, resorts to emotional power; coupled with fist-power he seems unbeatable.

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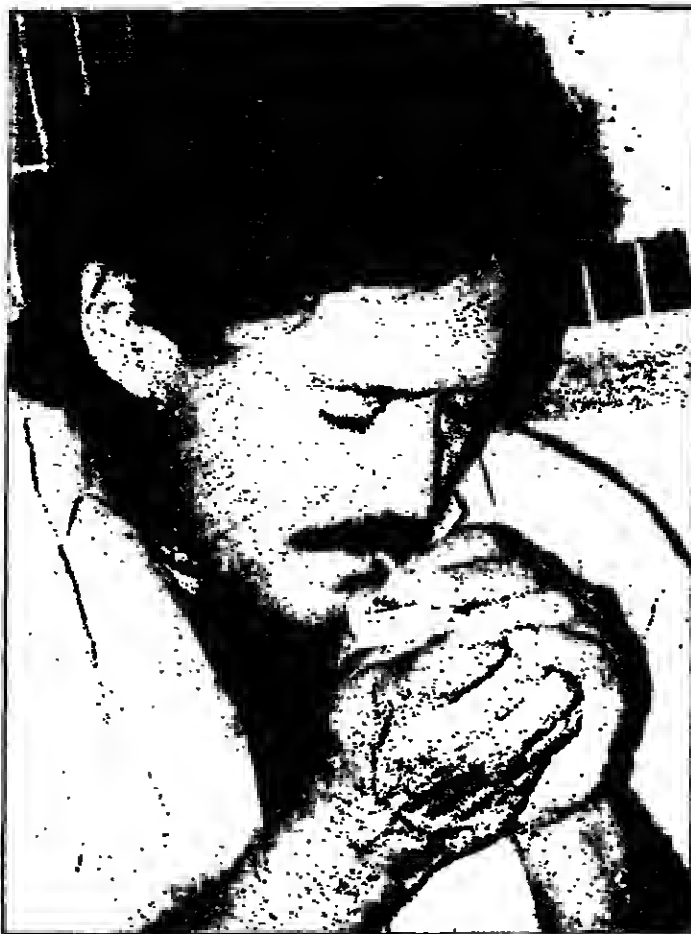
Raj Kapoor

hile. Jackie Shroff plays Vijay, an anti-hero with blood-shot eyes. He is jailed for everything from assault to petty theft from a very young age. A loser, Vijay is affected by the plight of his widowed mother, played by Raakhee.

Salim Khan attempts to revive *Mother India*, and give it a modern city setting. In the process, he has butchered the essence of the original. After all, copies can't match the original's quality.

Focusing on contemporary problems, unemployment and corruption to name two, Khan's weary theme threads its way through pitfalls, crawling over a slippery path, leading to a clichéd climax. Fantasy is out. But reality is not gripping. It fizzles out under the burden of "revealing the truth" — a truth told once too often.

Among the miscast performers Shekhar Kapoor as Ravi and Jackie Shroff save the film from total disaster. Shroff's Vijay is a convincing anti-hero,



Jackie Shroff

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prison hawaldar (policeman) who befriends a hardened criminal, Khan (Shatrughan Sinha). Ramdeen and Khan are two well-defined characters.

Raj Kapoor's presence compensates the predictable plot, making it almost entertaining, despite the tearful scenes about Khan's rejection of his mother, and the lengthy search for Khan, who exploits Ramdeen's honest simplicity. Sensible editing of needless dances, songs and lengthy melodramatic

sequences would have made the film more enjoyable. Despite the apparent flaws, one does enjoy Raj Kapoor. To be fair, Shatrughan Sinha is watchable as Khan, first as the bloodthirsty killer and later as the repenting friend. The film was directed by Dulal Guha, and seems dated.

*Paap Ki Duniya* — the world of crime — the title is self explanatory.

Yet, someone out there thought it right to re-enact the criminal saga. The good are exceptional; the bad are dreadful. The better ones in this movie are played by Pran, Sunny Deol and Chunky Pandey. The wolf in the sheep's pack is Danny.

Sunny is Paap Ki Duniya's Robinhood, who robs from the rich and gives to the poor. There is a slight problem: he is a police officer's son kidnapped by the enemy, Danny — 15-20 years ago. Who cares. Because Sunny "has good blood running through his veins" he can't be indiscreet and get away with crime. Sunny has also forgotten his past. After he is abducted, he is beaten black and blue and falls off a cliff — not a steep cliff though — and loses his memory. Until he falls off another steep cliff and regains his memory, viewers are supposed to wait with bated breath for the climax which takes place in Danny's den. Neelam is one angle in the romantic triangle completed by Sunny and Chunky.

Chunky, incidentally, unsuccessfully apes the tall superstar's mannerisms. Sunny is a fine performer. But he gets into tough spots — as in Paap Ki Duniya — a world that should be destroyed on celluloid.

The above films are by courtesy of Athar Video, Main St. Farwania. Tel: 4712900.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.30 World News via Satellite
- 3.30 Tan Tan: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.20 World News via Satellite
- 4.45 Wa'ma'asamah: historical serial, featuring Ta'amah Al Tamimi, Siba Salem, Hina Mohammad.
- 5.30 Mama Aoiisa and Children
- 6.00 Cultural Film
- 6.55 News Summary
- 7.05 Weekend: repeat
- 7.30 Quran and Science: prepared and presented by Dr. Ahmad Shawkil Ibrahim.
- 8.30 Good Evening and

- Local News
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Layali Hilmiya: Arabic serial
- 11.30 Daerat Al Ahdath: Circle of Events. Presented by Kamel Sulaiman.
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran Closedown.

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Wildlife: Cartoon serial
- 6.30 The Animal Express
- 7.00 Roving Report: weekly programme on current world events.
- 7.30 Don't Wait Up: Comedy.

- 8.00 News in English
- 8.40 Murder She Wrote: "The Days Dwindle Down". Jessica Fletcher is asked to re-examine a crime committed 30 years ago.
- 9.30 National Geographic: "The Ballad of the Irish Horse". A look at horse breeding in Ireland.
- 10.30 Best-Seller: "A Year in the Life". The Gardner family prepares for Thanksgiving.
- 12.00 News in Brief/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

## Dahiyat Abdullah

## Al Salem Gallery

Kuwait's formative artists are showing their paintings at the 20th annual exhibition at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, near Fatima Mosque. The exhibition is open daily, except Friday, from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until April 7.

## Free Atelier

An exhibition of paintings by Samiya Ahmad Sayyed Omar is open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm at the Free Atelier Gallery, Arabian Gulf St., near Amiri Hospital. It runs until April 7.

## Ghadir Gallery

Sudanese artist Hasan Hakeem is showing drawings and sketches at the gallery in Salihiya Complex. It is open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4 to 8.30 pm, until April 21.

## Sultan Gallery

An exhibition of oil paintings by Pakistani artist Yasmeen Bhamia is open daily, except Friday, from 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm at the gallery, Al Soor St., until April 14.

## Kuwait National Museum

Thirty six Palestinian artists are exhibiting their work at the Kuwait National Museum, Arabian Gulf St., open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until April 7.

## THEATRE

## Stepping Out

Kuwait Players present the comedy "Stepping Out," directed by Ken Winston with choreography by Dono Smith, who also plays the lead, from April 10 to 14 at the Crystal Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel. Tickets sold out for gala night — dress black tie or lounge suit. Tickets (KD5 each, including buffet on gala night and snacks on other nights) available for all other nights. For reservations ring 5331269; 5745838; 5383149.

## MUSIC

## Upasana

Upasana presents a musical nite — Ghanamanjari, featuring South Indian film songs, on April 7, 7.30 pm. Ghanamanjari — a selection of Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam

songs — will be presented by the same group, 6.30 pm, on April 8.

Both programmes will be held at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, Finautes. For reservations, phone 5643643; 3987409.

Sargam Kay Sharay

Sargam Kay Sharay, a musical nite, will be held on April 7 at the Cinema Granada. Tel: 5723573; 5759283.

## SOCIAL

## German-Speaking Cultural Association

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the regular coffee morning at the Hilton Hotel scheduled for April 3 has been postponed to April 13, 10 am, in the Old Falaka Room. All German-speaking women are welcome.

## Kuwait Natural History Group

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 7.30 pm in the Gulf English School, Salwa. An illustrated talk on "Little Beasts of Kuwait" will be given by Dr. David Clayton. For details phone Eric Shaw — 3718417.

## Seminar on Cinema

A seminar on "Cinema and Its Role in the Media," scheduled for April 4 has been postponed to April 13 at 7 pm at the Graduate Society. The seminar has been jointly organised by the Cine club, the Kuwaiti Women's Cultural Society and the Graduate Society. Farouk Abdul Aziz, Dr. Ghanem Al Najjar will participate in the seminar.

## Filipino Cultural Show

Auditions for singers, dancers and prop-men will be held on April 4, 4 pm, at the Philippine Embassy premises, for a cultural show and food festival due to be held in June. The show will be organised by Kuwait-Philippines Economic Council in coordination with the Philippine Embassy, Flask and Kapilku. For details contact Gil Herico — 2522034; 2521754.

## Alumni get-together

The T.K.M. College of Engineering alumni will hold a get-together on April 21 at the SAS Hotel. Those who have not registered can contact 2403945; 4336416 after 7 pm.

## Kuwaiti Welsh Society

The Society will hold a "Nosen Lawen" (social evening), 8 pm, April 7. For details phone 3912384; 4874548.

## Book Show

An exhibition of English Language Teaching Books is open at the British Council, Mansouriya. It will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Monday.

## Ladies Tea Party

International Ladies Tea Party is on Wednesday April 6, from 5 pm at the Kuwait Plaza Hotel. Highlight of the evening will be a children's fashion show, sponsored by leading stores in Kuwait. Tel. 5386297; 5317390.

## SPORTS

## Goen Cup

Young Goans Association, Kuwait, will hold a seven-a-side football tournament on the first day of Eid Al Fitr at the Al Sour Grounds. The draw will be on the same day at 7.30 am. Tournament matches commence at 7.45 am. This tournament is open to all communities, subject to approval by the organisers. For details contact Tom — 2419409; Almeida — 4813892 ext. 232.

## E.M.A.C. Tournament

A tennis tournament for under-16s will be held from April 13 to 16 at the SAS Hotel. Participating teams are from Abu Dhabi, Oman, Damascus, American School of Kuwait, Universal American School, Kuwait Eoglish School and New English School. The tournament has been organised by E.M.A.C. (Eastern Mediterranean Activities Conference).

## Colenutt Regatta

Al Kubbar Yachting Committee will hold its annual Colenutt dioghy-windsurfing regatta on April 14 and 15 at the TEC Sea Club in Fahahel. Participants with own dinghy/surfboard (competition fee KD 5) and spectators welcome. For details phone 4842493 after 2 pm.

## Bowling Tournament

The Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait (PBK) will hold the handicap bowling tournament from 9 am on April 8 at Club 300. The tournament is open to all men and women. Deadline for submitting entries is April 6. Fee: KD 4.500.

## K.O.S.A.

Kuwait Offshore Sailing Committee (K.O.S.A.) will hold an extraordinary general meeting on April 19, 1600 hours, at Fahahel Sea Club. All members are invited to attend.

## Visual images of suffering

PALESTINIAN artists tell us all — the pain, the misery, the courage and the suffering of a homeless people — shocking you, stunning you and affecting you deeply with visual images of suffering at an exhibition that opened at the Kuwait National Museum on Saturday.

If there is one thing common in all the 100 paintings — it is the firm belief that they have the courage to brave all odds. Thirty six artists, a majority of them Palestinian, convey the resolve through colours of varying intensity.

The best of the lot is Ismael Shammout's "The Flame." It sums up the courage of a people putting up an unequal fight against a relatively powerful enemy. The painting is shrouded in darkness. In the seemingly hopeless situation the resolute face of a small boy, painted in pastel yellow, glows with courage as he protects his mother crouching behind him. His eyes blaze looking defiantly at the enemy lined up with bayonets. The eyes tell the story of misery. Yet, there is a certain hidden fury shining in the unflinching, dismayed eyes of women and children crowded onto the canvas in Shammout's painting. And in the backdrop the flame of hope — flickers, ablaze with intensity.

Abdul Aziz Aarti contemplates the fate of the Palestinians in a painting entitled "The War of the Stars." The sky is ablaze with an orange ball of fire, engulfing the women



Sabra and Chatilla, by Abdul Hadi Shalla

and Chatilla" is a portrait of suffering. One can almost hear the screams of women and children as they fall their arms and run for cover, or fall over each other. The contrasting blues and whites, tinged with blood splattered over clothes and on the canvas gives a new meaning to the pain and anguish that many suffered during the 1982 camp massacre.

Abdul Aziz Aarti contemplates the fate of the Palestinians in a painting entitled "The War of the Stars." The sky is ablaze with an orange ball of fire, engulfing the women

covered in black shrouds. A wine glass stands empty as the shrouds of cloth fly in the wind. Disturbing.

## Solace

Mohammad Bushnaq prefers to seek solace in the orchards of Jaffa — or in the fields of Palestine. Bushnaq's in a series of five paintings indulges in nostalgic memories of peacetime — of flowers and green pastures. The nostalgia is short-lived. As Omar Shammout visualises the day when the bare-handed, stone-throwing people would tip the balance in their favour. His oil

canvas is simply called "Balance." In the backdrop of tanks and guns, and debris of destruction, the weight of stones thrown off-balance a soldier pointing a machine gun. And Matar Shammout's Aftalaa, our children, shows young boys running through empty streets carrying stones in their hands.

And so the story continues in the collages of Jamal Gharbiya, in the symbolic Olive Trees of Mahmoud Abu Askar; in the long waiting of Ameen Shammout, in the Clash of Shammout, in Kuwaiti artist Mohammad Qambar's Blues; in Abdullah Qassar's Children of Palestine and in Kuwaiti Abdul Rasool Salman's Uprising.

Modern artist Mahmood Jadallah has the last word —

for the moment — with Allah-Akbar. "These are the words used by my people when they pick up the stones to confront the enemy," he says. Allah-Akbar rises — and merges with the mauves and blues.

Fifty per cent of the funds collected from sales would be donated for the uprising. The exhibition continues for a week.

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## Launch of New POS System Machine from Omron at Photo &amp; Cine



Mr M. Nagata & Mr Y. Uemura of Omron Electronics Co. — Japan, were at a seminar held at the Kuwait Hilton, in Kuwait to give a practical demonstration of this New System Machine. According to them Omron has developed a new POS system which satisfies the modern retailer demand and is adaptable for future expansion. This new elegant 8500 series operates at all levels from a stand-alone terminal to a fully integrated computer network. With the advantages of the newly developed "C" language to increase the data processing time from 900 m.sec. for conventional machine language to 300 m.sec. The seminar was largely attended by the users of this reputed products especially from different co-operative societies. The picture shows the two Japanese with the executives of the Photo & Cine Equipment Co., who are the exclusive distributors of Omron Products in Kuwait.



The War of the Stars, by Abdul Aziz Aarti



## PEOPLE

'Every time I do animal work, I lose votes'

## Maneka: saving frogs and India too

When she's not berating her powerful brother-in-law, Ms Gandhi, the estranged sister-in-law of Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, campaigns for animal rights. On the outskirts of New Delhi, an animal care centre established by her is a welcome refuge for sick and injured animals often dumped on Maneka's doorstep. Currently she's involved in saving the lives of some 21 million frogs slaughtered for experiments in school laboratories.



Maneka Gandhi: spirited espousal of causes

NEW DELHI, India: Maneka Gandhi's goals include saving the bears, monkeys, donkeys, dogs, frogs, crocodiles and, she hopes, the country.

The 31-year-old writer, former model and once a probable future candidate for parliament is the estranged sister-in-law of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. She's also the daughter-in-law of the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and the widow of Sanjay Gandhi, who was groomed to become prime minister but died in a crash while stunt-flying a small plane.

The political game is familiar, if not always comfortable, turf for Maneka.

So is a front lawn filled with 14 tail-thumping, tongue-lolling puppies and dogs, 13 of them rescued from the streets of New Delhi and waiting for Maneka to find homes for them. The 14th is a permanent resident, Maneka's pedigree hound mastiff Sahra.

In mid-March, Maneka disbanded her own small political party and joined forces with the Janata Party, one of the largest of India's many opposition groups. She declared anew her determination to see Rajiv ousted, calling him an ineffective leader and his Congress party corrupt.

Within a week, newspapers were speculating Maneka would run against her brother-in-law in the next parliamentary elections, scheduled to take place by early 1990.

"Whether I stand for office is

something that will be decided in a year or two," Maneka says.

"I really think quite frankly that the time for little parties is past. We have a huge upsurge of opinion against the government, but because we are all separate, none of it has come into the mainstream opposition fringe," she said during an interview in the one-storey house where she lives with her 7-year-old son Feroze.

In the meantime, she is continuing her animal protection campaigns and describes her political outlook as similar to that of the environment-oriented "Greens" parties of Western Europe.

"Every time I do animal work, I lose votes. I'm in politics — that's my main philosophy. I just don't believe you can isolate one form of service from the other," she said.

Speaking in a slight British-accented English that is the hallmark of economically comfortable, well-educated Indians, Maneka launched into precise examples:

"We are killing 21 million frogs a year in India for standard experiments in our school laboratories. If I run a save-the-frogs campaign, it's not because one of them is going to turn into a prince in my hand. It's because the small farmer needs them. Without frogs to eat the insects in his fields, he has to use pesticides, which will probably give him cancer. So it's really a political decision,

not an animal decision, the campaign for the saving of the frogs."

As a young bride, Maneka filled the role of adoring wife and daughter-in-law. But after Sanjay was killed in 1980, Maneka grew apart — outspokenly apart — from her iron-willed mother-in-law, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Indira, in the meantime, had plucked Sanjay's older brother Rajiv out of his pilot's job with Indian Airlines and put him in the cockpit to succeed her in what is sometimes wryly referred to as "the world's only democratically elected dynasty."

In 1982, Maneka was pitched out of Indira's house with her son, two dogs and a heap of suitcases.

She started her own party, the Rashtriya Sanjay Manch, dedicated to perpetuating what it called the populist ideas of

her dead husband.

When Indira Gandhi was assassinated in 1984, Rajiv became prime minister. Two months later, he successfully defended his parliament seat in new elections, swamping a field of challengers.

One of them was Maneka.

## Espousal

Her party faded into the shadows, but her energetic espousal of causes didn't. Much of it was channeled to the Sanjay Gandhi animal care centre on the outskirts of the capital.

The red sandstone clinic, staffed by two veterinarians and 11 helpers, is refuge for sick and injured animals brought by their owners, found in the streets or dumped at Maneka's house.

In this way she has acquired, at least temporarily, hundreds of dogs, an occasional hulk,

a peacock with a tumor and a white donkey with one eye sightlessly open and an oozing hole where the other had been.

"I went out to dinner and came back about 11:30 and found it tied to the gate, blinded, bloody," Maneka said.

The donkey went to the animal centre. It will probably stay there indefinitely, like Lakshmi, a one-eyed chestnut mare who arrived nearly seven years ago. The horse's right hind leg extends forward at an improbable but permanent angle, the result of violent dislocation.

Lakshmi, name for a Hindu goddess, is one of Maneka's favourites. "She's my first. That's why we call her Lakshmi. It means luck," Maneka said as she led a tour of the clinic and grounds where 41 dogs were ensconced.

She also serves as a free-lance consultant for wildlife sanctuaries throughout India, counseling warmer water for crocodiles, penned in icy Himalayan waters, trying to figure out why some monkeys at Bangalore aren't breeding, and how to end the plight of the dancing bears.

"There are 10,000 bears in India who have been kidnapped from the Himalayas," she said. "They have their teeth pulled out, their nails pulled out. They're made to dance. Their average lifespan is 42 years, but they die at 3."

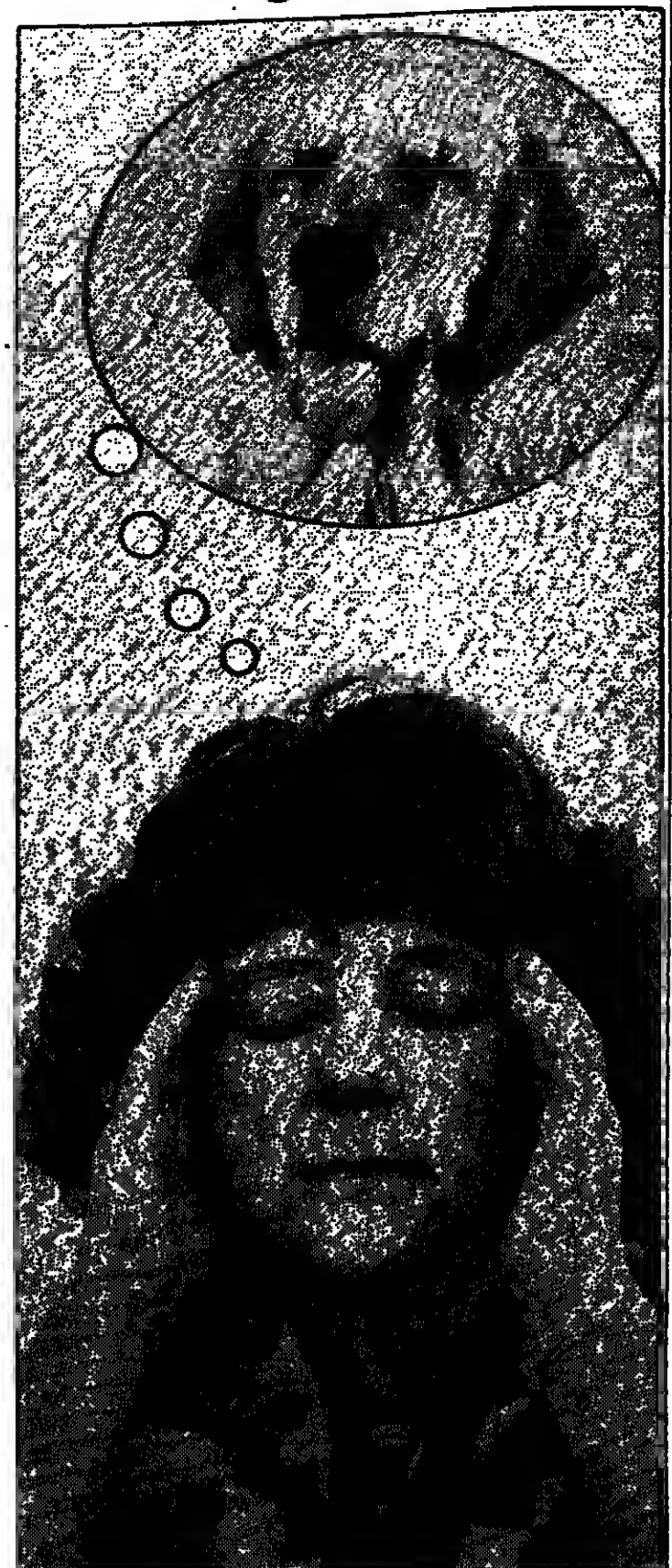
Maybe we can use zoos as halfway houses, get the railroads to transport them, rehabilitate the bear handlers — some can work in the sanctuary, line up businessmen to give the others jobs."

In between politics and animal care, she writes a biweekly pet column for newspapers, has just completed a book on the origins of Indian names and has promised two more, one of fairy tales, the other on the plants of India.

The book of names, she said, was "the kind of job I don't have any business undertaking, like most of the things I do. But if you wait for people? So I just sort of begin. Every time I start something, it's always sort of off the beaten track."

For \$45 an hour, Beatrice Lydecker on the West Coast of America, tells owners the hopes and dreams of their pets who communicate with her through mental images.

## Chatting up animals



Beatrice Lydecker: communicates with animals

CLAIMING that she can read the minds of animals might make her an object of clinical curiosity elsewhere, but on the West Coast Beatrice Lydecker is just another high-priced professional. For \$45 an hour, she tells pet owners the hopes and dreams of nonverbal quadrupeds who communicate — through mental images — with her.

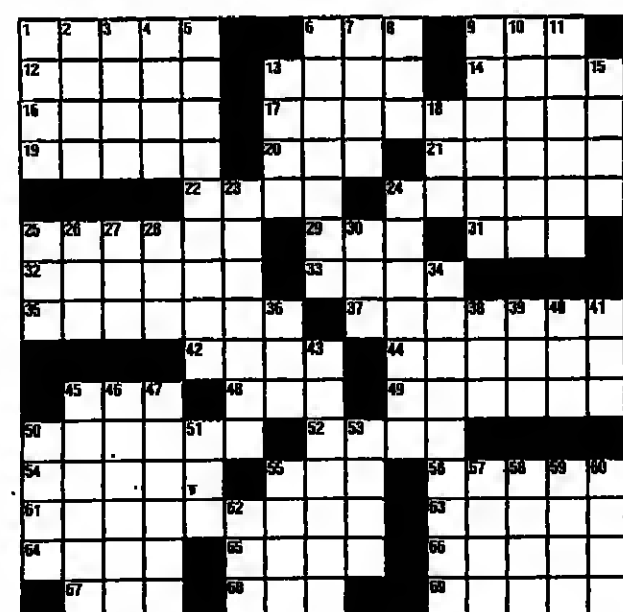
How does she do it? "Animals feel the same emotions we feel," she says, "and I feel that the animals feel — their emotional pain and physical discomfort." A born-again Christian, Lydecker, 49, says God gave her the ability to read animal minds in 1969, telling her, "I have work for you to do." (She can also read human minds, she says, but doesn't, because it would be "a violation of privacy.") Lydecker turned her abilities into a business after appearance before community groups, brought her a private clientele.

In 1986, as a birthday present for Elizabeth Taylor, Lydecker chatted up Liz's menagerie, a Pekingese, a parrot and a Burmese cat. "Elizabeth's animals adore her," Lydecker coos, saying they sent her images filled with love. "They don't know she's famous. They call her our friend."

Presumably there's no end to the talk at home in her Portland, Ore., trailer, where she lives with 10 large dogs.

Lydia Hily, Lydecker's partner, says their work has a scientific basis: "When we talk to animals we're in the alpha state, where creativity takes place," she maintains. "Animals are in alpha all the time." Adds Lydecker: "Horses are easiest because they are so sharp." Dr Benjamin Hart, a professor at the University of California's school of veterinary medicine, finds all this entertaining but scientifically dubious. "Look at how hard it is for people to communicate," he says. "Why should animals do it any better?"

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Poultry purchase
  - An Arthur
  - Opposite of post
  - Hersey's bell town
  - Do up gifts
  - Sitarist Shankar
  - Kitchen gadget
  - Certain Manhattanite
  - of robins...
  - Street map abbr.
  - Cat—tails
  - Kingfish
  - Neckwear
  - Sandal features
  - Rumpus room, briefly
  - Snaky shape
  - Grande
  - Long, long time
  - Devotional prayer
  - Base
  - Novelist Ambler
  - Having less free time
  - Rhaingold
  - Author LeShan
  - Milano's country
  - Give a second scanning
  - "Art of Fugue" composer
  - Forgets
  - Card game
  - Garden plant of the violet family
  - Sandhurst's American counterpart
  - A.k.a.
  - Glut
  - Notion
  - Pie portion
  - Highland
- DOWN**
- TV actress Williams
  - Tennis term
  - Walk back and forth
  - Change for a five
  - Spot for Santa
  - Dashing display
  - Comfort
  - Fitting
  - Vallant
  - Or Igor
  - Car adjuncts
  - Current and blessed
  - Lacking in strength
  - Maddens
  - Distress signal
  - Confident
  - Sour in taste
  - Fitness center
  - Pan Alley
  - Joplin work
  - Dieppe donkey
  - Future fowl
  - Ford and Guidry, e.g.
  - A Caesar
  - Springsteen's "Born in the"
  - Zlich
  - Agustus
  - Madrid Mrs.
  - White House group
  - Abase
  - Grain beard
  - Parlor piece
  - Quarrels
  - Cleopatra's nemesis
  - Broadway acronym
  - "The Immoralist" author
  - About two feet, in Denmark
  - Pheasant's nest
  - Cooking herb
  - Flanders river
  - J. R. Ewing's interest
- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**
- ERIC CLOTS TALL  
RASH RANEE ALEE  
APIER AMER HIRE  
STRICTER EDITOR  
SEER NOT  
LESTER BRIGITTE  
ANALIS PRATE HAW  
INRE DAIRY KATE  
RUG CARTE LINER  
OIECTRICH MINERS  
HEN QONG  
FERRET DIVESTED  
ALOE IRENF LAVE  
LISA LOVER YELL  
LAST YEARS YELL

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
JUST A HAIR'S DIFFERENCE

Both vulnerable. West deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ 6 5  
♥ K Q 10 3  
♦ A 4  
♣ A K Q J 2

**WEST**  
♠ K 9  
♥ A J 9 8 5  
♦ Q J 10 8  
♣ 8 7

**EAST**  
♠ A Q  
♥ 7 4  
♦ 9 7 6 5 2  
♣ 10 9 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ J 10 8 7 4 3 2  
♥ 6 2  
♦ K 3  
♣ 4 3

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠  
Dbl Rdbl 3 ♦ 3 ♠  
Pass 4 ♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♠

You don't have to be a brilliant mathematician to be a good bridge player. However, some knowledge of the probabilities is a *sine qua non* if you intend playing the game seriously. This hand, from a recent team match played at New York's Cavendish Club, is purely an exercise in choosing the sounder line.

North-South were a pair of mod-

ern bridge scientists. Among the numerous gadgets they were employing were weak jump-shift responses, which accounts for South's initial action. The rest of the auction was normal enough, and the final contract was within the acceptable limits of the requirements at this vulnerability.

West led the top of his diamond sequence, and declarer's choices were straightforward. Should he play for a 2-2 trump break or a 3-3 club split. In the former case, he would lose only two trump tricks and a heart. In the latter, he would discard one heart on the third club and continue with a fourth club, discarding another heart. Unless one defender held specifically a singleton nine of trumps (highly unlikely on this auction), declarer would lose no more than three trump tricks.

For those who know the basic odds, the choice is simple. The probability of a 2-2 split is almost 41 percent; a 3-3 split happens only about 36 times in 100. That made the play of the hand simple. Declarer won the diamond in dummy and led a trump, won the return and led another trump. That landed the contract.



"After you finish writing that, maybe you can find out who broke into my apartment last week."

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

**Aries** (March 20 - April 18)  
Venus's better influence will help you to enjoy life to the full. The situation is more congenial but you will have to keep your mind on what you are doing. Make sure your health does not suffer. Be resilient.

**Taurus** (April 19 - May 19)  
You will be able to come closer to the person you love. You should do all you can to avoid tension and conflict. Work hard but do not neglect your private life. Be sensible.

**Gemini** (May 20 - June 20)  
Today there will be some positive factors and you will be able to make full use of them. You should not allow others to intimidate you. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Be cordial.

**Cancer** (June 21 - July 21)  
You will be in the right state of mind to tackle the problems with which you are faced. Make sure you keep your mind on what you are doing. A little more effort is needed and then you will really do well. Be tactful.

**Leo** (July 22 - Aug. 21)  
You will tend to get annoyed with others and with yourself too. The moon's influence will not help you to be in the best of moods. You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity. Be hopeful.

**Virgo** (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)  
Something you have been trying to learn will all of a sudden become clearer to you. Do not expect too much from others. You should do your best to avoid negative thoughts. Be less fretful.

**Libra** (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)  
You should have a little more faith in yourself. You should continue to be frugal and leave a little aside for a bill that is due. Show a little more sympathy towards someone less fortunate than you. Be consistent.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)  
The moon's influence will help you to make up your mind. Make sure you are sitting comfortably. Make sure you are not insolent to anyone superior to you. Be resolute.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)  
You will not be quite sure of yourself. Do not get too close to other cars when on the road. You will tend to run out of steam and will have to make an extra effort. Be benevolent.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)  
Today you will be able to deal with a problem that has been troubling you. Make sure you do not get into arrears with a regular payment. Do not eat anything too sweet or savory. Be cordial.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)  
The moon's influence will tend to make you feel a little more gloomy. So take every opportunity to look on the bright side. Do not expect to have a lot of luck although you will have some. Be more tolerant.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19 - March 19)  
You will be able to do something that you have not been able to do lately. You should not allow your emotions to preponderate. Do not expect too much from others. Be generous.



# Multi-faceted portrait of Egypt

By Dilip Hiro

A DEEPLY embedded sense of identity has been one of the constants of Egypt, the other being the mighty Nile, the source of an agrarian cornucopia as well as the root cause of the centralised state of the Pharaohs. Even when Egypt was incorporated into an empire, such as the Ottoman, it enjoyed an autonomy denied to other constituents.

It was this legacy which Gamal Abdul Nasser inherited in July 1952 when he and other officers overthrew King Farouk. Although nominally independent, Farouk ruled under the "veiled protectorate" of Britain, whose army of 80,000 deployed along the Suez Canal was larger than Egypt's. Egyptians proudly describe the event as the July 23 Revolution. In reality it was a military coup. It was followed by many popular socio-economic reforms and the securing of genuine Egyptian independence by the expulsion of British forces from the canal zone. These achievements enabled Nasser to consolidate his position and emerge as the wildly popular, charismatic exponent of pan-Arabism and later of Arab socialism.

But Nasserism died with Nasser in 1970. As Anthony McDermott — a Financial Times journalist fluent in Arabic — rightly points out, Nasserism was nothing more than a superb political style without doctrine. Arab socialism was more a series of improvised economic,



Nasser: pan-Arabist

programmes than a well-thought-out, comprehensive ideology.

This explains how Anwar Sadat, Nasser's successor, managed to strike a debilitating blow to pan-Arabism by putting Egyptian interests above those of other Arabs and concluding a separate peace treaty with Israel, and by opening up the Egyptian economy to foreign investment and exploitation.

The consequent widening of the gap between the poor and the rich provided fertile ground for Islamic forces furious with Sadat for burying the hatchet with Israel. Islamic fundamentalists argued, more convincingly than before, that since both Sadat's capitalism and Nasser's socialism had failed, it was time to try Islam — an indigenous social system which encompasses religion, politics, economics and culture.

Surprisingly, Sadat's assassination by Islamic extremists inflicted no damage on the



Sadat: put Egypt first



Mubarak: open-door policy

political fortunes of the Islamists some of whom function openly and others clandestinely. The author mentions that between 1984 and 1986 the number of underground Islamic groups rose from 16 to 50. A similar trend is discernible among the "establishment" Islamists known as the Muslim Brotherhood. In the 1987 parliamentary election, they won 36 seats, against eight in

1984, and are now the chief opposition to the government of President Hosni Mubarak.

Initially, the measured, lacklustre style of Mubarak's leadership contrasted well with Sadat's megalomaniac flamboyance. But it soon emerged that Mubarak would not go beyond cosmetic changes to his predecessor's "open door" economic policy, while maintaining intimate ties with Washington and commitment to the Camp David peace accords with Israel — the policies which had proved to be the breeding ground for Islamic fundamentalists. So the prospect of a stable, secular, pro-Western Egypt in the future remains at best uncertain.

One of the merits of this book is that the writer clearly delineates the personalities who have ruled Egypt since the 1952 coup. Another is that, unlike most authors of similar works, McDermott goes beyond politics, economics, military and foreign relations.

He delves into culture, religion, the media and the daily life of ordinary Egyptians. On the last subject he draws heavily on pioneering research by Dr. Umar Wikan of Oslo University, who has studied a car mechanic's family in Cairo over a period of 13 years.

McDermott has produced a multifaceted portrait of republican Egypt described in simple, jargon-free language.

Egypt from Nasser to Mubarak, A Flawed Revolution by Anthony McDermott Croom Helm £27.50 pp 311.

## Addiction to romance

By Daisy Waugh

THERE'S such a thing, you know, as innocent as a Mills and Boon junkie.

Most of them are in their mid-thirties, married, and with children. As members of the Mills & Boon Club, they can take out a standing order for as many new romances as they like to be dropped through their front door once a month.

It is not unusual to order 20 new books a throw. At £1.20 each (not much for a novel — but then Mills & Boon are generally only about 50,000 words long), that can add up to quite a hefty annual sum.

Mills & Boon is a publishing firm that deals exclusively in romantic novelettes. They produce about 24 new titles a month, and they sell about 15 million of them a year worldwide.

Everyone knows someone who thinks they're going to make a fortune writing them. Every year 4,500 people actually believe it so badly that they sit down, finish one and send it off to M & B.

But 24 multiplied by 12 doesn't quite add up to 4,500. So the vast majority of scribblers are left disappointed, their manuscripts rejected by the 20 full-time readers the company employs.

It seems odd then that Mills & Boon have recently released a tape 'And then He Kissed Her'... A guide to writing Romantic

Mills and Boon, the publishing firm that churns out 24 new romantic novelettes every month to gushing devotees who can't seem to get enough of it, is encouraging new writers, with a cassette giving tips on how to write the love story of a century.

Fiction' which tells its listeners (in a crystal clear feminine voice) that Mills & Boon 'are genuinely interested in new writers' and that 'if you've got the love story of the century huddling away inside your head, you should put it down on paper.'

The recording guides its potential clients away from the pitfalls of romantic writing. The book must be interesting and exciting: the characters must suffer from their own ups and downs, but one should 'obviously avoid such unhappy themes as alcoholism'; a hero may be 'eccentric or mocking or even ruthless', but at the same time he must be the fulfiller of every woman's dreams — and nobody dreams of marrying a wimp.

So writing a Mills & Boon isn't easy. You have to believe in what you're writing. You need to be in love with your hero and to fantasise about being like your heroine. It's no good thinking you can get away with writing one and then sneering all the way to the bank. Joanna Mansell (39) is one of

the lucky 200 writers on the Mills & Boon books. She is unmarried, used to be a secretary, and has recently had her ninth romantic novel accepted for publication. Now, after two-and-a-half years, she earns her entire income through writing. She says her standard of living has risen considerably.

She starts work at 9.30 am and works on through till after five. 'It takes a certain amount of discipline,' she says, 'but I enjoy working by myself. When I'm writing I become completely involved in my characters. I usually fall a little bit in love with my heroes (just like the tape tells us she should) and I generally fantasise that I was just like my heroines.'

She takes between two and three months to complete a novel, which isn't terribly long. 'The ideas just come to me; I don't know where I get them from.' But she says that unlike some of her peers, she has never been tempted to branch away from Mills & Boon and to write a real bodice-ripping saga. 'I don't really think I'd have the

patience to do that,' she says. Sally Beauman, M & B pen-name Vanessa James, defected from the company and was rumoured to have been paid as much as a \$1 million advance for her saga 'Destiny'. Barbara Erskine used to write for M & B until she penned her blockbuster Lady of Hay. So that's where the real money is.

Mills & Boon are irritatingly stubborn in their refusal to name sums. They say a writer can be paid anything 'between £100 and £100,000' for one novel. Sounds to me like someone somewhere is getting the thin edge of the wedge.

### Heroes

Mills & Boon haven't always dealt solely in heroes with finely chiselled noses and heroines with sparkly eyes. In 1908, when they were founded, P.G. Wodehouse was on their books. They even used to publish school textbooks.

Nowadays, the editors (average age about 30) won't look at anything except Romance.

They too have genuinely to believe in the books. Or at least to pretend they do. Next week they're launching tapes of actors and actresses reading the novels out loud.

There's nothing that'll stop them now. As long as there's a hored woman in the world, somewhere there'll be a Mills & Boon. Depressing thought, isn't it?

## Trials on the road to success

By Mary Powers

NEW YORK, (Reuters): In 1975, Judy Collins learned she had a swelling on a vocal chord that threatened to rob her of the silvery voice that made enduring hits like "Both Sides Now," "Amazing Grace," and "Send in the Clowns."

The condition worsened, requiring risky surgery, but it proved to be a blessing in disguise. It forced her to confront

alcohol. "When it comes to something that is one of our passions, as singing is for me, we are forced to acknowledge the problem or die," the 48-year-old singer said recently.

An artist who had always preferred to speak through her music, Collins reveals in her recent autobiography, 'Trust Your Heart', that she surmounted this and other challenges.

They include a childhood polio attack and tuberculosis at age 21, a bitter custody fight over her only child, turbulent romances including ones with folk-rock singer Stephen Stills, actor Stacy Keach, and the unpredictable music industry.

Written in the form of a journal, the book also sheds light on Collins' commitment to expressing her values and beliefs through art, a commitment shared by many artists who came of age with her amid the civil rights and anti-war movements of the 1960s.

Collins shares with readers her relationships with many of them, including Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, Pete Seeger, Joni Mitchell and Arlo Guthrie.

A classically-trained pianist, Collins began her singing career interpreting traditional folk ballads and as well as songs of Dylan, Cohen, Mitchell and a host of others.

Later she expanded her repertoire to include country, rock, orchestral numbers and



Singer Judy Collins poses for pictures in her New York apartment where she talked about her autobiography entitled 'Trust Your Heart'.

show tunes like Stephen Sondheim's "Send in the Clowns."

As she struggled to conserve her voice, strained by the vocal chord ailment, she was also drinking up to a quart of vodka a day. After the throat surgery, she found she couldn't follow the doctors' orders to stay off alcohol.

"It never occurred to me that this problem could be an illness I had always thought it could be a moral issue," she writes. "If I could just be a good girl I could handle it."

"I really did not want to talk about my drinking," Collins said. "However, after reflecting on it at length I realised that it is

a universal problem. If I didn't talk about it the book would have lost an authenticity."

In a career spanning three decades, Collins has recorded 22 albums, six of which were awarded gold discs for sales of more than 500,000 copies. She has also composed scores of songs.

She has played in Britain, including a highly-acclaimed concert in 1986 with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Portugal, but laments she has lacked consistent exposure in Europe in recent years. "I know I have an audience in

those places, and people who would want to hear me sing," she said.

Her latest album is also entitled "Trust Your Heart."

One of the disappointments of her career came when Elektra records, which has moved largely into rock music, ended her recording contract in 1985 after 24 years.

"Survival is to begin again," she wrote after recounting in her book how the president of Elektra told her that she was not the company's kind of artist any more.

Collins' book traces her musical development from childhood when her father, a blind radio announcer and musician, installed in her high standards of artistic excellence.

She began studying piano at age five and gave her first performance when she was 12, on her father's radio show.

At 15, Collins decided to abandon the piano to pursue folk music and the guitar, in spite of a conflict with her piano teacher.

She faced another conflict in her relationship with Stephen Stills whose "Suite Judy Blue Eyes" Collins is said to have inspired.

"There seemed to me to be danger in being pulled into an intensely romantic situation then," Collins said. "I felt when I was in my 20s that unless I was very clear about my direction as a musician, that I was going to fall off that razor's edge."

Collins also writes of the strength she has gained, personally and in her career, in her 13-year relationship with designer Louis Nelson.

"He has helped me to be brave enough to get rid of the guitar (on stage) and find out how I could express all the different kinds of music I have in me, including the very dramatic... in order to do that I needed not only the strong impetus from inside but someone who was understanding enough to help me do it."

## Reflecting fashionable arrogance

By Askold Krushelnysky

THE Soviet Union may begin to withdraw troops from Afghanistan in 1988, but peace is still a distant prospect for this country with a culture rooted in a warlike tradition and which eagerly embraces violence as the answer to any problem.

To some this culture seems austere and romantic. To others the harshness of the people and the aggressive Islamism which fuels the fierce resistance to the Russians can appear alien and frightening.

Mark Urban's book War in Afghanistan betrays a disquiet with Western support for a military, political and religious movement which has little in common with the values that govern our lives. Urban assembles information about where, when and how military operations have been conducted in Afghanistan, even before the Soviet invasion in December 1979. He also deals with the internal political processes in Afghanistan and the postures adopted by Moscow, Washington, Islamabad, Tehran and the United Nations.

The principle source material is the thousands of newspaper and news agency articles, including Soviet ones, which have appeared since the invasion. Urban also uses translations of broadcasts by the government-controlled Radio Kabul.

The book is lifted above being merely a work of reference by Urban's use of interviews with eye-witnesses — giving the slaughter a human dimension — and by a liberal dose of analysis. This gives cohesion and significance to the often confusing military and political events.

Urban's detailed descriptions of the weapons used by both sides and the maps of



The mujahedeen are portrayed in the book as ill-disciplined, greedy and cruel with a mediocre fighting record.

important military operations are of use to those attempting to understand the mechanics of a conflict in which one of the world's most powerful Armies is hogged down against a poorly-trained rebel force. But the book deals only with events up to the end of 1986. It therefore cannot take account of the enormous changes in the conflict brought about by the Stinger anti-aircraft missiles which have enabled the mujahedeen to neutralise the Russians' greatest advantage: airpower.

The book has also been overtaken by the furious political and diplomatic activity which has led to Mikhail Gorbachev's promise that his troops will begin withdrawing from Afghanistan in May.

Urban's professional experience as a subaltern in the

Fourth Royal Tank Regiment before he turned to journalism and writing is apparent. It may be his own military past which is responsible for the underlying scorn he displays towards the mujahedeen. He criticises the rebels for not making the best of the equipment they have and muses how much better the weapons available to them would have been exploited by the Vietcong.

He questions the motives of the guerrilla leaders, implying that some are just corrupt and hungry for power. He belittles the sacrifices of the ordinary fighters by suggesting that many go to the front infrequently and are only there because of the prospect of loot.

The mujahedeen are portrayed as ill-disciplined, greedy and cruel with a mediocre fighting record, while Urban bends

over backwards to give the poor old Russian Tommy a favourable appraisal. He concludes that after a slow start the Russians are adapting well and improving rapidly.

In Urban's analysis of the Afghan war there is more than a hint of the admiration that one professional soldier feels for another regardless of the uniform he may be wearing. But the book also reflects the fashionable arrogance which dismisses the Russian invasion, the slaughter of an estimated one million Afghans and the consignment of a further three million to refugee camps by declaring that anything the Soviet occupation can impose is preferable to life in an Islamic society.

War in Afghanistan By Mark Urban Macmillan £9.95 pp 248

## FAMILY DOCTOR SOME IRREGULAR HEARTBEATS CAN BE SERIOUS

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: What do you call it when a heart doesn't beat regularly? Why does this happen?

ANSWER: An irregular heartbeat is called an arrhythmia, and there are many kinds, bearing different names and having different causes. Some are quite common, like a skipped beat or "extrasystole" and do not have serious implications. Others require study for a precise diagnosis.

Your heartbeat is affected by many factors — body temperature, exercise, emotional stress are just a few. Even things you may eat can cause your heart rate to change. Stimulants like the caffeine in coffee, tea, chocolate and cola often have that effect. Internally, impulses and signals that travel along nerves from the spinal cord and brain to the heart can affect the rhythm, pace and power of the heartbeat.

If your heart is healthy, it speeds up and slows down daily to meet the needs of your body. There are, however, several heart conditions that may cause arrhythmias.

A heart attack, technically called myocar-

dial infarction, often causes damage to heart tissue and may lead to arrhythmias. An irregular heartbeat is also common in patients with congestive heart failure — when the heart is not strong and does not pump enough blood through the body. Other heart diseases also can cause arrhythmias.

If you think you are having problems with arrhythmias, see a doctor. A simple test like a cardiogram will enable your physician to determine whether the arrhythmias you are having are commonplace, or whether they require treatment.

QUESTION: I am extremely obese and am considering having surgery to help me lose weight. Is that a good idea?

ANSWER: It can be. The success of such surgery — called gastric restriction procedures (GRP) — depends on what caused you to become obese in the first place, what role obesity plays in your life, and how well you can adjust to not being obese. Those ideas may sound amusing but they are very important considerations.

Sometimes obesity can be caused by malfunctions in your body. More frequently, it comes from gross overeating. That can be a neurotic way of coping with your sexuality and/or general role in life.

GRP acts as a form of behaviour modification, forcing obese patients to eat slowly. It does not interfere with the drinking of liquids — or junk foods that liquefy in the mouth — so those things can cause you not to lose weight.

Another way to undermine GRP effects is to constantly nibble small amounts of fattening foods.

Nevertheless, incidences of successful weight loss following GRP have been impressive. In a group of 310, about 60 per cent attained levels near their desirable weight and 25 per cent lost a significant number of pounds. But it is not a procedure to be entered into lightly. Good counselling and a full understanding of all that is involved are important preliminaries to the actual surgery.

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By Smith





# BUSINESS & FINANCE

State reserves continue to give cushion to public finance

## Kuwait economy on a steady growth path

THERE is a growing belief that the consolidation process, initiated four years ago with the aim of putting the Kuwaiti economy on a more sustainable growth path, has started to bear fruits according to NBK Economic and Financial Report.

For the first time since 1982, the non-oil gross domestic product has shown a positive growth in 1986, notwithstanding the collapse in the world oil market. Value-added in the non-oil sectors amounted, then, to KD 31.56 million, up 6.4 per cent on the previous year.

Overall GDP was, however, down 15.6 per cent to KD 4998 million, under the impact of a considerably reduced oil sector contribution. Conversely, the share of non-oil activities in total GDP showed a substantial increase to 63 per cent in 1986, up from 50 per cent in the previous year.

Among the fast-growing non-oil sectors, manufacturing — including petrochemicals — registered a substantial 47 per cent increase to KD 555 million.

**Activity**  
Construction, in contrast, continued to reflect subdued activity with the sector's value-added amounting to KD 156 million, down from KD 198 million in the previous year.

Trade, wholesale and retail, suffered a limited KD 30 million drop to KD 470 million. Other major sectors witnessed no significant change.

The considerable headway achieved in the implementation of the "Difficult Credit Facilities

Kuwaiti Dinar Exchange Rates  
(In Fils)

Currency	Rate Type	1986 Closing	1987				
			Closing	% Change	Average	HI	LO
U.S. Dollar	CBK <sup>3</sup>	292.94	270.07	-7.8	278.80	292.23	269.03
Sterling	Spot	430.48	505.57	+17.4	458.12	508.07	419.27
Deutschmark	Spot	150.46	170.71	+13.5	155.59	171.13	148.77
Swiss Franc	Spot	179.94	211.32	+17.4	187.78	211.44	177.05
French Franc	Spot	45.38	50.34	+10.9	46.50	50.48	44.57
100 Yen	Spot	183.11	220.92	+20.6	193.85	221.06	180.34

1. KD = 1000 Fils.
2. Coefficient of variation. The lower the coefficient, the greater the stability of the currency, and vice versa.
3. Central Bank of Kuwait.

Settlement Programme" is gradually restoring confidence in the financial sector.

Initially, the programme — which guarantees the rights of depositors and the banks' shareholders' equity as of end-December 1985 — has had a slow start. But gradually, as debtors' sentiment turned more positive, the enforcement of the scheme gathered pace. Data revealed by the Central Bank show that, as on January 1988, banks have "technically" completed settlement agreements for 92 per cent of the total non-performing loans outstanding.

In a separate development, the Kuwait capital market, after a 5-year moratorium, has been reopened for foreign borrowers with the launch of a KD 20

million (\$71 million), 7-year public bond issue for the Republic of Finland, the largest ever single public issue launched in the KD bond market.

This was soon followed by a KD 30 million (\$106 million) 7-year public issue arranged and lead-managed by the National Bank of Kuwait on behalf of the World Bank.

**Tangible**  
Last year saw the first tangible results of the three-year-old effort to rationalise public finance. The closing accounts for 1986/87 show, indeed, that the drop in total revenues to KD 1731 million was, to some extent, offset by a substantial 8 per cent drop in actual spending. This leaves a strictly-defined deficit of KD 1129 million.

The new budget for 1987/88, announced on June 30, 1987, is a mere confirmation of the government's fiscal orientation set in the previous year. The anticipated gain in revenues (3.5 per cent) — mainly derived from firmer oil prices — will be used to finance a similar increase (3.4 per cent) in spending.

Development expenditure will benefit from a significantly higher increase of 7.5 per cent, clearly reflecting authorities' concern to support the productive sectors.

Besides, wages and salaries are set to increase by 10 per cent. The resulting budget deficit, scheduled at KD 1179 million, will probably turn out to be much smaller than projected.

It is of significance to note that the Kuwait State Reserves, estimated at KD 25 billion by mid-1986, continue to provide a comfortable cushion to the country's public finance.

About KD 14.3 billion are held in the reserve fund for future generations and the remaining KD 10.7 billion are held in the state general reserve.

In a move aimed at providing partial funding to the budget deficit as much as introducing more flexibility in the money market and financial system, the Council of Ministers approved, last September, legislation enabling the government to launch a public debt programme to the tune of KD 1400 million.

**Instruments**  
The new instruments will be issued in the bearer and may be purchased by Kuwaiti as well as non-Kuwaiti individuals and institutions.

Underwriting will, however, be restricted to banks and financial institutions subject to Central Bank supervision.

The debt instruments will range from short-term 91-day Treasury Bills up to 10-year Treasury Bonds. As from November 21, the Central Bank started to invite tenders for the debt issues.

This proved to be a great success, with the third issue (the last in 1987) attracting bids for KD 722 million, 4.8 times the total offer. While yields on Treasury Bills will be determined by competitive bidding, the bonds will have fixed coupons payable semi-annually.

For the first three issues, coupons have ranged between 5 7/8 per cent for 1-year bonds and 7 per cent for 5 and 7-year bonds.

From a different perspective, 1987 was recorded as a particularly eventful year in terms of the Kuwaiti dinar exchange and interest rates.

Breaking with a two-year-old bearish undertone, the KD staged a marked recovery, mainly against the weakening dollar but also vis-a-vis other major currencies.

**Decline**

In May, a downward adjustment brought the KD off a 7-year record high of 268.86 fils, but left it at levels significantly firmer than in the previous year.

The sharp decline of the dollar, in the wake of the sharp fall in the international stock markets, gave a strong boost to the dinar against the dollar but resulted in a relatively modest slide vis-a-vis other currencies.

Finally, as regards interest rates, monetary authorities were keen on installing a more flexible and market-oriented system.

In March 1987, the Central Bank announced the overhaul of the 10-year-old lending interest rate structure.

In the meantime, it was endeavouring to guide money market rates downwards. The latest such move, enacted in November, was the 1/2 per cent cut in the discount rate to 5 per cent.

For the foreseeable future, the market expects KD rates to steady around their present low levels.

### PDVSA nets \$9.03b in foreign exchange earnings

CARACAS, April 3, (Opecna): Petroleros de Venezuela (PDVSA), the Venezuelan state oil company, earned more than \$9.03 billion in foreign exchange revenues last year compared to \$8.02 billion in 1986, according to Energy and Mines Minister Dr Arturo Hernandez Grisanti.

"Addressing a meeting of PDVSA stockholders here yesterday, he said that PDVSA's foreign exchange expenditures during the year totalled \$1.26 billion, down from the 1986 figure of \$1.70 billion.

**Reserves**  
At the end of 1987 Venezuela's proven crude reserves totalled 58.08 billion barrels, while that of natural gas was 2.80 trillion cubic feet.

Crude oil production in 1987 averaged 1.53 million b/d while exports of crude and products totalled 1.52 million b/d, he said.

Of the total exports about 170,000 b/d of crude were refined at PDVSA's refinery in Caracas and 400,000 b/d were processed in West Germany, Sweden and the US.

The average export price for Venezuelan crude during 1987 was \$16.32 a barrel, compared with \$12.82 a barrel in 1986, he said.

### G-77 ready to sign global trade system

BELGRADE, April 3, (Reuters): The first multilateral accord on a Global System of Trade Preferences (GSTP) among developing countries will be signed here in mid-April, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said yesterday.

The signing crowns years of efforts by Third World countries to agree on mutual trade preferences and tariffs to boost both trade links and overall economic relations, Tanjug said.

The agreement will be signed during a ministerial meeting of the Group of 77 Third World countries in Belgrade from April 11 to 13, which follows a high-level meeting on experts from the participating countries starting here on April 6.

Tanjug said delegates from some 80 countries from the expanded group will attend the meetings, but officials said they did not yet know how many nations would send ministers.

The Belgrade agreement is intended to raise existing bilateral arrangements on a global level among the Third World countries, to create an alternative regime to existing Western-dominated world trade systems.

The idea, launched in 1979 and further developed at G-77 meetings, was born from the developing countries' concern at trade protectionism, sluggish global trade and the Third World's economic and debt crisis.

Further bilateral agreements between countries in the group are expected also to be signed during the Belgrade meetings.

### Swiss caution

## Dollar will continue to be weak

By Midas

IN my last article about how to balance your portfolio there was an unintentional mistake. My recommended portfolio for the current situation should have read as follows:

**BANK DEPOSITS** 25 per cent  
**FIXED INTEREST** 25 per cent  
**GOLD** 15 per cent  
**EQUITIES** 35 per cent  
Unfortunately, the Fixed Interest portion got left out which was important since it represents a major part of the portfolio. Fixed interest stocks, such as bonds, gilts and Treasury Bills are a crucial defensive part of any portfolio.

Like bank deposits they pay a regular fixed rate of interest, but in addition they can also record appreciable capital gains.

The reason for this is quite simple. If a gilt or bond pays 10 per cent interest then for every hundred pounds you invest, you will receive ten pounds interest every year.

**Investor**  
However, if the interest rate falls to only 5 per cent, then you would need to have £200 worth of bonds in order to receive that same ten pounds. Accordingly, the capital value of your holding will rise to that same figure, £200.

Why? Simply because any new

investor would need to invest that much in order to get the same amount of interest. Conversely, if interest rates rise to 20 per cent then the capital value of your bonds will drop to £50 since any new investor could get £10 worth of interest every year for just that amount.

As you can see, bonds are very good investments when interest rates are expected to fall, but poor ones when rates are expected to rise. Their other advantage is that they are often very, very safe, especially if they are backed by a strong national government, such as the British Government's Gilts or US Treasury T-Bills, or else by a major blue chip company like IBM, General Motors or ICI.

**Policy**  
Since writing my last article I have seen the latest portfolio recommendations published by the Swiss Bank Corporation and their policy is even more conservative than my own. They recommend two different portfolios. The first is for those who want long term growth:

**BANK DEPOSITS** 20 per cent  
**FIXED INTEREST** 45 per cent  
**GOLD** 5 per cent  
**EQUITIES** 30 per cent

For those who seek safety and the chance of a reasonable yield from their investments, the Swiss Bank Corporation recommends

the following spread:  
**BANK DEPOSITS** 20 per cent  
**FIXED INTEREST** 60 per cent  
**GOLD** 5 per cent  
**EQUITIES** 15 per cent

As you can see with 80 per cent of the portfolio in either bank deposits or bonds and a further 5 per cent in gold, the Swiss Bank Corporation's research department is not exactly optimistic about the world's stock markets at the moment.

Interestingly though, when it comes to choosing which currency to invest in, for those whose base currency is US dollars, they recommend that for safety and yield at least 55 per cent of the portfolio should be in dollars with the remainder evenly spread between sterling, Swiss francs, Deutschmarks and the ECU, with just 5 per cent in Canadian dollars.

**Weak**

However, they point out that in the long-term they still feel that the dollar will continue to be weak against the major European currencies and the yen. For those whose base currency is not the dollar, then these currencies will probably prove more rewarding in the long run.

I'd like to conclude this article with a few remarks about a different subject: unit trusts. A

recent article in the Financial Times made some pretty scathing remarks about the average unit trusts' performance.

Despite the mass of advertisements showing how Trust A has outperformed all its rivals, the real facts are, somewhat depressing. Take pension funds for example, statistics show that out of 1279 funds the average performance for last year was a meagre 3.4 per cent!

**Funds**  
Since most funds charge at least 5 per cent initially and then anything between a half a per cent and two per cent every year in management fees, this kind of performance is dismal. Furthermore, when it comes to a real crisis, like the October Crash, very few funds indeed saw it coming and took steps to mitigate their clients' losses.

Then, when the crash happened, they suspended all dealing for ever a week. So what are we paying for? The answer seems to be that fund managers are pretty sleep-like, they go along with the rest of the flock. With the raging bull markets of the past four or five years most of them managed to make reasonable gains, but now that the markets are entering a period of uncertainty, how many of them will be able to justify their fees?

### Nazer to discuss cooperation with non-Opec nations

RIYADH, April 3, (Reuters): Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer is due to leave today for the United States, Britain and Mexico to discuss cooperation with the non-Opec producers, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

It said Nazer would go on to Vienna, headquarters of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, for a meeting of the group's price panel on Saturday to review a production audit for the first quarter of 1988.

Oil prices initially surged on news of that meeting. But analysts say the panel can do little to bolster falling world prices without the cooperation of non-Opec producers.

**Exports**  
An idea currently being floated is for a five per cent cut in exports by non-Opec nations equivalent to about 250,000 barrels per day (bpd), in return for a five per cent output cut by Opec of around 850,000 bpd.

Analysts said talks in London last month between non-Opec states Egypt, Mexico, Angola, Colombia, Malaysia, China and Oman were a major factor in Saudi Arabia's policy reversal on the need for a meeting of Opec's committee.

### World Business Summary

## Kuwait-Bulgarian trade ties set to grow further

COMMERCIAL Counsellor of the Bulgarian embassy in Kuwait, Georgi Uzunov, yesterday said the Kuwait-Bulgarian economic relations are consistently progressing.

Addressing a press conference here on Kuwait-Bulgarian economic ties, Uzunov added the economic cooperation between Bulgaria and Kuwait is in substantial advance, and its further intensification greatly depends on mutual acquaintance with the potentialities of the two countries. Uzunov extended official invitations to the audience for participation in the spring and autumn international trade fair in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, which will be open from May 9 to 15.

With every coming year this international event is becoming a factor for expansion of international trade and efficiently assists in finding mutually acceptable ways for development of economic ties of Bulgaria with many countries, he noted. They are the place where transactions, accounting for nearly one fifth of the national foreign trade exchange volume, are concluded every year. Over 3000 foreign companies from over 80 countries exhibit at the two fairs annually, he said.

He indicated that the Bulgarian goods are selling well at the Kuwait markets. Bulgaria has recently signed a contract with Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) for construction of oil tanks estimated at \$15 million.

## Turkey suspends new trade credit to Iraq

ISTANBUL, April 3, (Reuters): Turkey has suspended new trade credit to Iraq from April 1 because of Iraqi debts to Turkey, the semi-official Anatolian News Agency reported today.

Anatolian quoted Turkish Finance Minister Kurtcebe Altinmecnin as telling a news conference in Baghdad on Saturday that the measure would last until the end of 1988. "Letters of credit have been temporarily stopped so as to examine the accounts," Altinmecnin said. Letters of credit issued before April 1 would be valid, he added.

Turkish newspapers have estimated Iraq's debt to neighbouring Turkey at between \$1.5 and 2.2 billion.

Iraq supplies a third of Turkey's oil requirements and two-way trade was \$2.1 billion last year. Altinmecnin made his statement after talks with Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahim Al Chalabi about the trade problem. The talks were held during Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's three-day visit to Baghdad that ended today. Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan asked Ozal for more credit but Ozal said Iraqi debt was damaging the Turkish economy, the left-wing Cumhuriyet newspaper said.

## Cocoa prices drop to lowest level in nearly six years

LONDON, April 3, (AP): Cocoa prices reacted to forecasts of large world surpluses by falling yesterday to their lowest levels in nearly six years, traders said.

Cocoa beans for May delivery fell to \$900 (\$1,692) a metric ton, \$16 (\$30) lower than overnight levels and their lowest price since mid-1982.

Traders said the market reflected the prospect of a fourth consecutive year of surpluses, with world production forecast in the current season running from October 1987 to September 1988, International merchants Gill and Duffus said in a report released on Thursday that, based on expected record crops in the Ivory Coast, Brazil and Malaysia, it is forecasting 1987-88 world output to hit a record 2,106 million tons — up six per cent from 1986-87.

They said this "remarkable growth" in production would cause output to exceed consumption by 122,000 metric tons, despite a 3.6 per cent rise in consumption over 1986-87. Such an imbalance would take accumulated inventories by the end of the present season to 713,000 tons, the highest since 1964-65, they said.

The Ivory Coast crop is expected to be 630,000 tons compared with 590,000 in 1986-87. Brazil's 426,000 tons vs. 369,000; and Malaysia's 190,000, up from 164,000. Gill and Duffus projected Nigerian output will be 135,000 tons, up 55,000 tons from 1986-87 and the biggest since 1964-65. Ghana's harvest is forecast at 185,000 tons, down slightly from 228,000 last season.

The cocoa market has been regulated by supply and demand mechanisms since Feb 25 when intervention buying by the International Cocoa Organisation was halted indefinitely because purchases had reached the maximum 250,000 tons permitted by treaty.

Importing and exporting member countries failed to agree on supplementary market-support schemes at a meeting here in March. The Organisation is not scheduled to meet again on the issue until September.

## World Bank credit for India

NEW DELHI, April 3, (Xinhua): The World Bank will provide the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) of India with a \$295 million line of credit for investment in its western India gas development project in 1988-89, local press reported yesterday.

At the moment ONGC is executing three projects under World Bank assistance namely Krishna-Godavari in India's southern state of Andhra Pradesh, south basin near Bombay of Maharashtra state and Cambay Basin in the north Gujarat state. The Cambay Basin is one of the best explored basins in India. The project, estimated to cost about Rs 7 billion (\$83.5 million), has been granted World Bank aid to the extent of \$242 million. The loan, which became effective in 1984, would close in 1990. According to an mid-term review undertaken by ONGC, the target of 40.1 million tons of oil and oil equivalent of gas is expected to be met by the end of the seventh five-year plan (1986-90).

The country's annual oil production has remained static around 30 million tons for the last four years, while the demand for petroleum products has been increasing at the rate of seven to eight per cent. India imported more than 10 million tons of crude oil and petroleum products every year to meet the domestic needs.

## Paris brokers guild goes private

PARIS, April 3, (Reuters): A stockbrokers guild which has overseen the Paris Bourse for 186 years — ever since Napoleon chartered it in 1802 — has changed itself into a private, profit-making company. The new firm, Societe des Bourses Francaises (SBF), will have much the same regulatory role as the old guild, the CSAC. But it aims to make money by supplying market information.

"We won't be a public service. The SBF will be more open, more dynamic and have to make a profit," a spokesman for the CSAC said. The change comes in tandem with a series of wide-ranging reforms introduced by Finance Minister Edouard Balladur to bring the Paris stock market into the 20th century and make it the financial hub of continental Europe. Last January, a new law allowed banks and other financial institutions to buy into the bourse's old, mostly family-owned stockbroking partnerships. About 30 of the 45 firms in Paris have sold stakes to French or foreign institutions.

The modernisation has also spelled the end of the Bourse's circular wrought-iron trading pit — the Corbeille (basket) — which was removed to make way for computer screens.

Stockbrokers had clustered around the Corbeille since 1827, when it was built to serve as a giant ashtray for cigar-puffing dealers.

Meanwhile, French financial markets have been rocked by a series of public scandals since the global stock markets crash in October.



## Sterling market seen much more volatile

## Fed policy has a fine balancing act

MARKETS have been mostly subdued in the run up to the holiday weekend. Consolidation of the dollar around the present lower trading levels (yen 124, DM 1.66 and \$1.86) has been achieved by central bank intervention, notably Bank of Japan and the Federal Reserve.

Two primary factors appear to be responsible for the market's renewed nervousness:

(i) Earlier concerns that the economy is heading for a recession have recently been dispelled by slightly better numbers. This has reinforced inflationary concerns and hence a requirement for higher interest rates. This hit equities and bond markets alike.

## Lower

A buoyant economy would do little to narrow the trade deficit further, this suggests that a lower dollar is inevitable.

(ii) The market's rumour that the Bank of Japan has been looking to keep the dollar/yen rate above the yen 124 level for the last month's period average in order to avoid large financial losses by the main Japanese institutions over the fiscal year end 87, is assumed to no longer be as important and hence the Japanese are likely to be more comfortable with a lower dollar.

We have long argued that any restored confidence in the dollar market is based on shifting sands whilst the huge twin deficits of trade and budget are in existence. Leading indicators increased a slightly lower than expected seasonally adjusted 0.9 per cent in February following a revised fall of 1.1 per cent in January and a revised rise of 0.4 per cent in December.

New home sales rose sharply by 20.3 per cent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 628,000 units which was the largest monthly increase since a 21 per cent gain in March 1986. There were steep increases in sales in all regions except the west and the rise was far greater than the 2.2 per cent expected. In comparison, the revised January sales showed a decrease from December levels of 10.3 per cent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 522,000 units.

Factory orders fell \$1.71 billion, i.e. 0.8 per cent in February to a seasonally adjusted \$210.86 billion which was close to the market forecast of a 0.9 per cent fall. This was the largest monthly drop since August when orders fell 1.4 per cent and followed a decline of 0.6

percent in January. Factory shipments rose 0.1 per cent, i.e. \$144 million, to \$207.30 billion in February which was slightly better than expected and compared to a 1.9 per cent fall in January.

Inventories increased again in February, but by only 0.5 per cent which was the smallest rise since September and followed a 0.8 per cent increase in January.

## Policy

Fed policy has a fine balancing act to perform with limited scope to manoeuvre. To our mind, growth patterns indicate neither a recession nor buoyancy, but modest growth only of no more than 2-2.25 per cent.

However, with upcoming elections and the administration's greater influence, the Federal Reserve will be looking to keep the present growth momentum going. The scope to soften rates nevertheless is extremely limited.

At present the coarser probably has greater emphasis, to that, of the dollar's vulnerability and the continued need to maintain a satisfactory interest rate differential in favour of US assets to fund the US deficit, a slight further stiffening in rates cannot be ruled out.

With the dollar having shifted down a further gear, support at these levels will continue with data releases over the forthcoming week unlikely to cause any upset. We continue to emphasise that the dollar's downside vulnerability far exceeds any limited upward potential.

Trading ranges next week are expected to be yen 121-125 and DM 1.62-1.66 per cent. Sterling's greater volatility implies a wider band of \$1.84-1.94.

Sterling has been the main player in the foreign exchange markets this week with the conflict between the chancellor and the prime minister still paramount.

Comments by the governor of the Central Bank and the chancellor would appear to confirm that the shift in policy to allow sterling to appreciate in order to rein back inflation is now the key policy objective and hence sterling surged ahead touching DM 3.12 this week.

As we have stated earlier, one thing that this shift in stance means is that the sterling market is now much more volatile.

Next week will undoubtedly see the markets testing the policy issue or whether the chancellor's resolve to cap sterling's rise will

win out. On balance we believe that the prime minister's view on a flexible exchange rate will predominate and sterling could move further ahead.

If the surge is too great a base rate cut to cap sterling's rise may be possible and would indicate that the chancellor's stance dominates.

Longer-term, however, sterling will reach a natural peak with the deteriorating trade performance and potentially inflationary concerns undermining the market's confidence. Hence sterling's recent gains could easily be dissipated.

The prospect of great volatility implies the possibility of a wide trading range of DM 3.08 lower if base rates do come off, more likely, a surge, and DM 3.14 cannot be ruled out.

Monetary growth continues to proceed at a rapid pace annualised at over 8 per cent pa, being well above the 3-6 per cent target range. However, despite the concerns that this may cause the Bundesbank, lacklustre economic performance suggests that interest rate policy will remain unchanged.

Provided by NBK weekly market review.

## China allows BA to continue new flight

BEIJING, April 3, (AP): China has agreed to allow British Airways to temporarily continue a disputed flight from London to Beijing via Bombay, India, but said a solution to the dispute must be found "as soon as possible," the official Xinhua news service said today.

China said the new flight coincides with another route the airline has between London, Hong Kong and Beijing, which China says runs counter to the Sino-British aviation agreement.

China says that under the agreement, signed in 1979, British planes can fly to Beijing via either Hong Kong or Bombay. Britain chose the Hong Kong route. The state-run Civil Aviation Administration of China approved a British Airways request for a second London-Beijing route, but wants the second flight to also go through Hong Kong.

On Thursday, China allowed British Airways to land, despite the fact that China regarded the flight as a violation of the existing agreement, Xinhua said.

## S. Africa hit by rash of corporate pullouts

JOHANNESBURG, April 3, (Reuters): Four big foreign companies said this week they are pulling out of South Africa against a backdrop of renewed international outrage over Pretoria's latest crackdown on black opposition groups.

Newmont Mining Corporation of the US said on Wednesday it would sell its share interests in four South African firms.

## Denied

State-owned British Steel Corporation and two other British firms — packaging giant Metal Box Plc and International Services Company Bep Plc — also announced plans to sell their assets and withdraw.

The new disinvestment activity coincided with international condemnation of a South African military raid into neighbouring Botswana and the killing in Paris of a representative of the African National Congress (ANC), the guerrilla group fighting for majority rule in South Africa.

Pretoria has denied any involvement in the Paris killing.

The international outcry has grown since Pretoria earlier this month banned 17 black dissident groups and plugged into a worsening conflict with anti-apartheid churches representing about half the country's 32 million people.

South African business leaders said the crackdown revived a campaign in the US Congress for more punitive economic measures against Pretoria and beaped pressure on President Ronald Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to abandon their long-held anti-sanctions policies.

## Wave

"...the question arises as to how long the US will maintain this internationally unpopular position after a change of president, or if there are further security actions by our government, domestically or in the region," said Harry Oppenheimer, South Africa's most prominent businessman and former chairman of the giant Anglo American and De Beers corporations.

Oppenheimer's warning in a

public speech came shortly before the South African military raid into Botswana and two separate clashes with alleged ANC guerrillas near the borders with Botswana and Zimbabwe to which 11 people were killed.

## Investment

Three of the four firms now joining the corporate exodus from South Africa cited commercial rather than political reasons. Political analysts say, however, that the real reason for the wave of disinvestment is a mix of political and economic factors coupled with pressure by anti-apartheid activists and shareholders, particularly in the United States.

"The full explanation stems from a complex calculation involving assessment of the current profitability of the South African economy, its future prospects given the exacerbation of its political crisis, and the public and shareholder resistance to companies in South Africa," the British anti-apartheid movement said in a report due to be published next week.

One in five British companies operating in South Africa has withdrawn over the past two years, reducing the number still here to 235 from 297.

Total British investment, which accounts for about 40 per cent of all foreign investment in South Africa, fell from £6 billion (\$11 billion) in 1980 to £2.9 billion (\$5.6 billion) in 1986.

About 140 US companies have pulled out of South Africa over the past three years, citing anti-apartheid pressure and the unfavourable political and economic climate, according to the Washington-based Investor Responsibility Research Centre.

Japan, which in 1986 supplanted the US as South Africa's biggest trading partner but has no direct investment in the country, is also under pressure to scale back its business involvement.

Hajime Tamura, Japan's trade and industry minister, urged his country's six big trading houses on Monday to restrain trade with South Africa. Tokyo is increasingly embarrassed about its position as Pretoria's number one trading partner.

## RBI study sees drop in corporate sector growth

BOMBAY, April 3: The financial performance of over 500 private corporate business sectors failed to keep pace with the growth rates observed during the preceding two years during 1986-87, according to a study conducted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The RBI study stated, the selected 581 companies (each having a base of Rs. one crore) turned out a subdued performance in 1986-87 with all the key indicators pointing out to all-round slackening of business activities.

Thus sales, value of production, net value added, gross profits, total gross and net assets recorded declines in their growth rates during the period under review.

## Study

According to the study, growth rates in value of production and sales were lower at 8.1 per cent and 9.0 per cent compared to 10.3 per cent and 15.2 per cent recorded in 1985-86.

Similarly the net value added by the companies increased at a lower rate of 7.1 per cent compared to 16.1 per cent in the preceding year.

Apart from declines in the growth rates, the number of companies incurring losses increased to 163 in 1986-87 from 132 in 1985-86.

Similarly the number of companies declaring higher rates of dividend of over 20 per cent also declined during the year from 171

to 158. The study further stated that the growth rate in gross profits declined to 3.6 per cent from 20.7 per cent in 1985-86.

Interest payments were higher by 23.4 per cent against 17.4 per cent in the preceding year. The operating profit and the post-tax profits consequently declined by 15.9 per cent and 20.5 per cent in contrast to the growth rates of 24.2 per cent and 27.4 per cent respectively, recorded in 1985-86.

Despite the sharp fall in post-tax profits, average dividend rate of 15.4 per cent declined fractionally compared with 15.9 per cent in 1985-86. The companies, in fact paid about Rs 40 crores more in form of dividends to the face of decline of Rs 240 crores in their post-tax profits.

Consequent to the larger dividend payout, the retained profits went down by as much as 39.7 per cent as against 33.7 per cent in 1985-86.

## Profits

The erosion in profits had its impact on the profitability ratios, the study stated. The returns on total net assets declined to 8.6 per cent from 9.3 per cent while profit margins on sales were lower at 9.3 per cent against 9.8 per cent.

The return on net worth was much smaller at 7.1 per cent as against 9.7 per cent and the ratio of gross saving to gross capital formation declined to 52.6 per

cent from 54.1 per cent in the previous year.

The reliance of the selected companies on external funds for financing their assets formation increased further during the year to 67.3 per cent from 63.8 per cent.

Among the external sources, borrowing continued to be the most important source, although its share declined from 57.4 per cent to 54.9 per cent. Trade dues and other current liabilities ranked next and its share increased marginally to 40.1 per cent from 38.9 per cent in the previous year.

The shares of bank borrowings and debentures to external funds moved down marginally to 17.3 per cent and 22.2 per cent during the year from 18.7 per cent and 23.7 per cent in 1985-86, study added.

## Deposits

To share of public deposits also declined to 5.1 per cent from six per cent. The growth rate in total assets was lower at 12.3 per cent compared to 16.5 per cent in 1985-86. Growth of fixed assets moved up by 11.8 per cent.

However inventory accumulation registered a fall of 8.4 per cent as compared to 18.3 per cent in previous year. The growth rate in net worth was also lower at 7.5 per cent.

The debt equity ratio moved up to 82.5 per cent in 1986-87 from 76.3 per cent in the previous year. The current ratio remained unchanged at 1.26 during 1986-87, the study stated.

## Plan proposed to unify regulation of US markets

WASHINGTON, April 3, (AP): Senate Banking Committee chairman William Proxmire, heralding President Ronald Reagan's administration for inaction, is proposing legislation to unify regulation of the nation's financial markets in the wake of the October stock crash.

Proxmire has an influential ally in former Sen. Nicholas Brady, who headed a presidential task force that called for more coordination of the markets.

But, even before the bill was introduced yesterday, three top federal regulators said they opposed it and one of its co-sponsors, Sen. Doreen Riegle, said he had reservations.

The bill creates an intermarket cooperation committee composed of the chairman of the Federal Reserve, Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

## Requirements

The new panel is required to harmonize margin requirements across the futures and stock markets, coordinate "circuit-breaker mechanisms" such as trading halts and establish a contingency plan for market emergencies such as last Oct 19 when the Dow Jones industrial average fell a record 508 points.

The chairman of the Federal Reserve would head the three-member panel and a majority vote would be required for action. The bill directs the regulatory agencies to "implement actions so determined by the committee."

## Problems

Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan, SEC chairman David S. Ruder and CFTC chairman Woody Gramm all said they would oppose creation of a panel with power over their agencies.

Greenspan said the new panel could create problems if, for instance, it overruled the Federal Reserve on a matter determined by other law to be within the Fed's jurisdiction.

After listening to Greenspan, Riegle, chairman of the securities subcommittee, said he was concerned about the bill's implications and was reconsidering his support.

Ken McLean, staff director of

the banking committee, said the bill would not give the panel as much power as Greenspan feared because there is no enforcement mechanism should one of the agencies decide to defy it.

"It's sort of halfway between a debating society and a superagency," he said.

In proposing the legislation, Proxmire expressed frustration with the pace of the Reagan administration's efforts at market reform and with the regulators' unwillingness to recommend legislation without first airing proposals through a working group set up earlier this month by the White House and headed by Treasury Undersecretary George Gould.

## N. Yemen seeks irrigation and farm know-how

NEW DELHI, April 3: North Yemen has sought India's expertise and technical know-how in the agriculture, irrigation and telecommunication fields, besides assistance in oil exploration, according to Financial Express.

The Deputy Minister of the Yemen Arab Republic, Mohsen Al Hamadani, told UNT that India had agreed to assist Sanaa in the agriculture sector. It would offer 500 tonnes of wheat seeds to boost production.

Besides, a number of Indian agriculture experts would assist the government in this sector.

## Progress

Mohsen, who led his country's delegation to the Indo-North Yemen joint committee meeting which concluded here last week, said the two sides agreed to expand bilateral relations and work for more collaboration in setting up joint ventures in communication and other sectors.

The three-day joint committee meeting reviewed the progress of some major Indian projects in Sanaa.

Indian companies have been awarded telecommunication, road construction and irrigation projects worth Rs. 100 crores, most of which are nearing completion.

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NATIONAL BANK	0.870	0.870	0.870	0.870	149700	5
GULF BANK	0.345					
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AHLI BANK	0.290	0.280	0.280	0.280	10000	1
B.K.M.E	0.300					
K.R.E.B.	0.390					
BURGAM BANK	0.248					
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K.I.I.C.	0.162					
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KWT CEMENT CO.	0.338					
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K.P.N. IND. CO.	0.122					
COINT. MARINE	0.350					
K.S.H. REP. CO.	0.042					
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.081					
K.N.C. CO.	0.190					
KWT HOTELS CO.	0.174					
P. MARKETING	0.146					
COM. MKT. CHPK.	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020	1200000	5
MOBILE TELE.	0.360	0.360	0.360	0.360	20000	2
KWT COMPUTER	0.192					
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.240					
UNTO FISHERIES	0.146					
UNTO POULTRY	0.238					
KWT FOODS	0.300					
AGRI. FOOD PRD.	0.150					
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B.H.N. INTER. BK	0.068	0.067	0.067	0.067	580000	4
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UNTO. GULF BK	0.000					
COAST INVEST.	0.088	0.087	0.088	0.087	160000	2
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FIRST. GULF BK	0.620					
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COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET						
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GULF INV. CO.	0.041					
GULF INTL. INS.	0.009					
ARAB INT. CO.	0.055					
SHARJAH INS.	0.000					
GULF UNION INS.	0.055					
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B. GULF MEDICAL	0.016					
C.R.K. WHITE CMT	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020	3540000	7
D-AJMAN CEMENT	0.007					
E-FUJAIRAH CEMT.	0.007					
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010					
G-INDUSTRIAL	0.015					
H-UMM QATMAIN	0.019					

## KD rates climb, then fall

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates climbed yesterday then fell back, but remained slightly above Saturday levels at the close of business amid tight liquidity.

Dealers said the market was quiet with few or no deals apart from spot-ocet at four per cent and one-week at six and 6-1/2 per cent.

Rates were expected to firm later in the week when banks began bidding for 70 million dinars in three-month Treasury bills to be issued on Wednesday.

Tight liquidity pushed quotes for the fixed periods up to 1/2 point above Saturday levels to 6-1/4, 5-7/8 per cent for the one-month, six, 5-1/2 per cent for the three-month, 5-7/8, 3/8 per cent for the six-month and six, 5-1/4 per cent for the one-year.

They later fell back to 5-7/8, 3/8 per cent for the one through 12-month maturities when banks began trading three-month Treasury bills on the secondary market, boosting liquidity.

Overnight was offered at one per cent and tomorrow-next at two per cent with few or no bids.

The Central Bank dinar exchange rate was unchanged from Saturday's 0.27258/68 to the dollar in quiet yesterday trading. Commercial banks quoted

spot rates of around 0.27263/70. Meanwhile, Saudi rial inter-bank deposits were little changed in a very quiet market today after a recent rise in anticipation the Saudi government will go ahead with a long-awaited bond issue.

Dealers said the long Easter holiday weekend in Western financial centres extending



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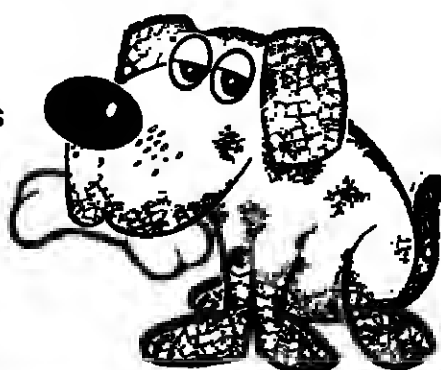
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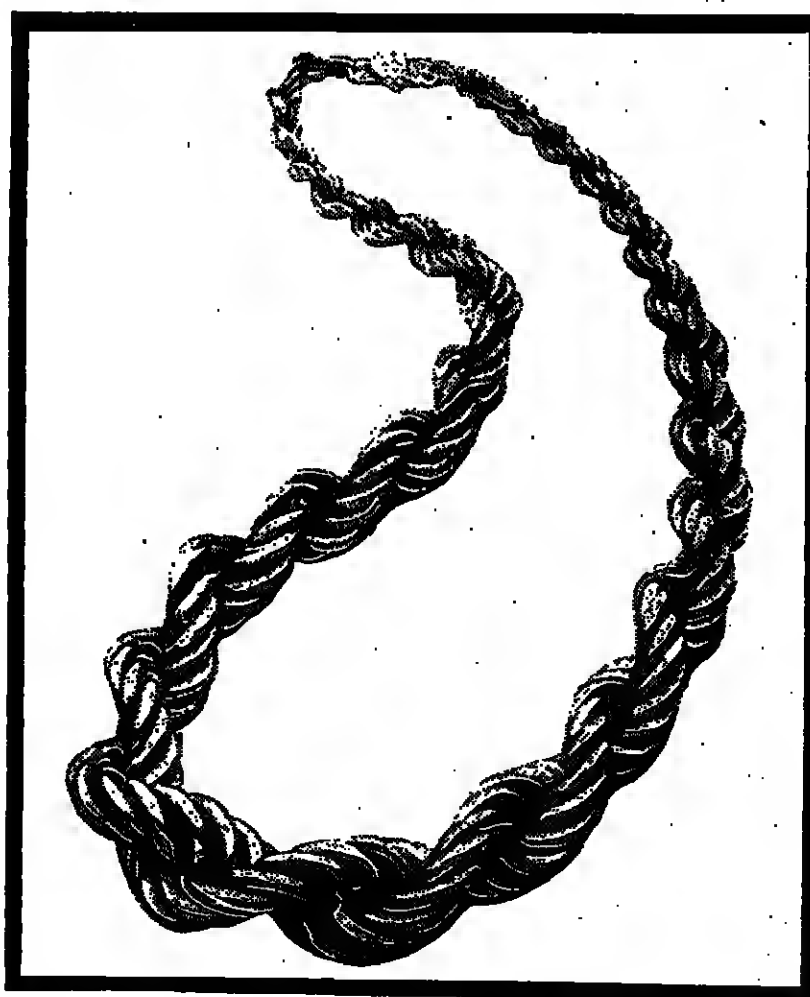
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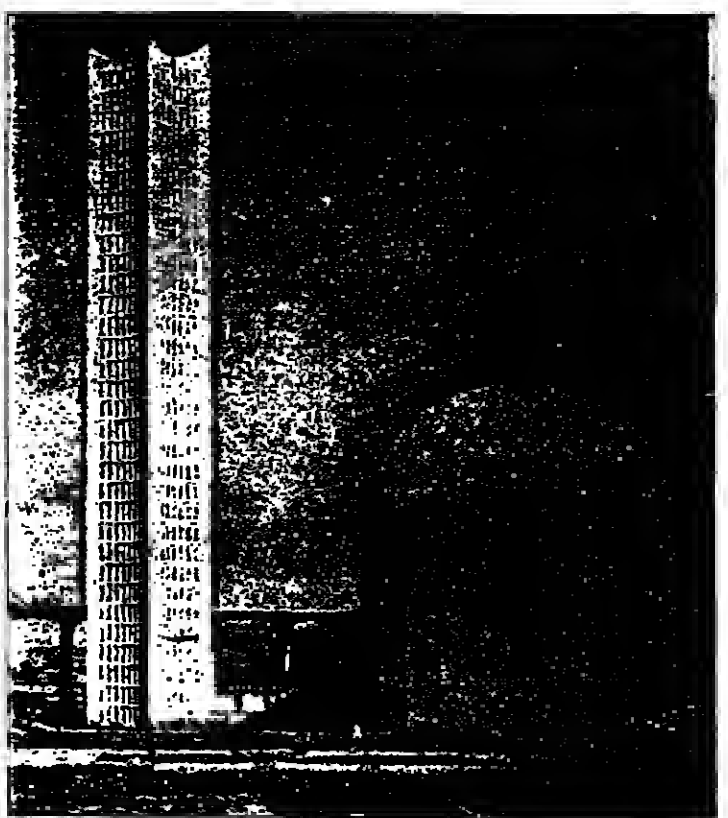
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## Pervez takes CCK past Casuals

CASUALS Cricket Club ended its season in the Jashanmal League on a disappointing note at Ahmadi on Friday. This setback was the work of CCK skipper Pervez, who turned a close match into a one-sided affair.

CCK, after winning the toss and electing to bat, opened their innings through Faisal (36) and Zaher (24). Neither player looked comfortable against the pace of Casuals' Anderson but they still managed to give a good start to their team.

Luck seemed to be against Casuals until Snowden's efforts were finally rewarded when Zaher was caught by Ernest. Snowden then bowled Raees (14).

At this point Peter Bond came in to bowl and the run-rate dropped. His accurate left-arm spin bowling kept Pervez to simple prodding and left Faisal bewildered. Faisal quickly fell lbw and then Riz soon followed when he was stumped.

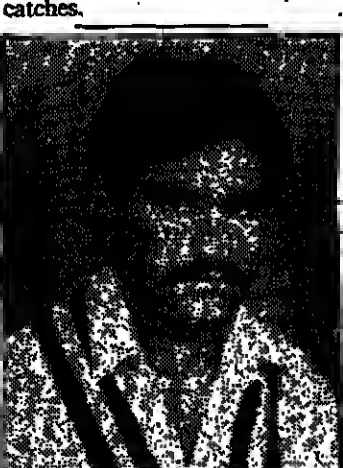
**Changed**  
CCK were reeling when Clements came on and soon bowled Selvarajam (7) but then Casuals luck changed again. With Bond and Snowden out of the attack, Pervez changed his tactics and began a series of swipes which flew everywhere.

Pervez went from a cautious 30 to an unbeaten 106 in only 30 deliveries. Pervez' knock left his team with 246 on the board and the contest virtually over.

Even a stunning catch by Ross off Wells to dismiss Siraj (19) could not help Casuals.

In reply, only Dubey (44) and Snowden (16) batted well for Casuals. The need to score at a very fast rate saw the rapid departure of Casuals batsmen.

Dubey played a range of hard-hit strokes before being caught off Pervez, who took four wickets for only 18 runs. Faisal (five for 19) kept Casuals to a lowly 92. Pervez, not content with a century and four wickets, was brilliant on the field and took two catches.



## Sadaqat helps QMCC tame Hilti

QUAID-e-MILLAT Cricket Club (QMCC) beat Hilti Cricket Club by 39 runs in a Sahah Trophy match at the Safeway ground on Friday.

QMCC, batting first, put on 162 runs in 24 overs. Sadaqat was the mainstay of the QMCC batting with a superbly hit 64 which included nine fours.

The other batsmen to reach the double figures were Munir 18, Ishfaq 14, Anwar 16 and Jamil 11. For Hilti Jabar, Feroze and Khuzama took two wickets each.

**Resistance**  
In reply, a brilliant innings of 61 by Khuzama failed to save his team from defeat. Khuzama hit a six and three fours as Hilti managed to score only 123 for the loss of six wickets. Durbai with 30 was the only other batsman to offer resistance to the QMCC bowlers.

Ansar was the main wicket-taker with four for 12 while Shahzad and Hameed took one wicket each.

## Benfica score easy victory

LISBON, April 3, (Reuters): Benfica warmed up for next week's European Cup semifinal in Romania with an impressive 4-0 win over Penafiel yesterday to keep in touch with Porto at the top of the Portuguese First Division.

One-up at the interval, Benfica scored three goals in the last 10 minutes to sink the visitors and boost their confidence before travelling to play Steaua Bucharest on Wednesday.

**Ended**  
Mozar, Chiquinho, Diamantino and Rui Aguas were the scorers and Benfica ended the match without any immediate injury problems.

Runaway leaders Porto, who won the European Cup last season, kept their eighth-point lead at the top by beating lowly Maritimo 2-0 through goals from Fernando Gomes and Rui Barros.

Benfica's city rivals Sporting Lisbon ended a miserable run with a 3-1 victory at Varzim to move up to sixth place and improve their chances of a place in Europe next season.

## W. GERMAN STAR TAKES WCT TITLE

# Becker edges past Edberg

DALLAS, April 3, (Reuters): Second-seed Boris Becker of West Germany served his way past top-seeded Stefan Edberg of Sweden 6-4 1-6 7-5 6-2 to win his first title at the \$500,000 World Championship Tennis finals yesterday.

Becker, a finalist here in 1986, has now beaten Edberg eight of the 12 times they have played each other.

Becker, who belted 17 aces and numerous service winners, said that he played his best tennis of the year in the final against Edberg.

**Key**  
"This is the best I played this year. I definitely won a lot of key points with my serve," Becker said.

"I said to myself 'you are a serve-and-volleyer, go for it.' I am very happy how I played. This is a good sign for the rest of the year," said Becker, who won \$200,000.

Becker, fourth in the world, dominated the first set with his booming serve, dropping just seven points in five service games. The 20-year-old West German repeatedly set up easy volleys with his first serve and broke Edberg once — in the seventh game — to take the set.

Edberg struggled at the begin-



Becker uses his backhand to hit a winner. (Reuters wirephoto)

ning of the second set, saving two break points with forehand volley winners. He broke Becker in the second game for 2-0, when Becker netted an easy volley and again in the fourth game with a forehand passing shot.

Edberg, now leading 4-0, fought off a break point in the fifth game with an overhead set up by a sliced backhand. The 22-

year-old Swede served out the set in the seventh game to even the match at one set apiece.

The third set went on serve through the first six games, and then the two traded breaks twice to 5-5.

In the tenth game, Becker received a penalty point after slamming his racket on the court in frustration with his play.

The racket bounced into the stands where a woman caught it. A gallant Becker retrieved it and plucked a yellow Chrysanthemum from a courtyard planter and presented it to the woman. But he was still given a penalty point.

Back to tennis, Becker went on to break Edberg, as the Swede hit two consecutive double faults. That was the turning point for Becker.

"Suddenly, things turned around. I broke him again in the last game (of the third set). Then I won the few big points in the fourth set and it was over," said Becker.

Becker won his serve in the eleventh game for 6-5 and broke Edberg on a cross-court backhand to win the third set. Becker broke Edberg twice in the fourth set and did not lose his serve in the last set.

Edberg admitted that he was pleased to reach the final but said that Becker's serve, which struck for 43 aces in three matches here, made the difference.

"At least I got to the final this year," said Edberg, who won \$100,000. "I felt good about my game, but obviously it wasn't enough. He served too well for me today. I couldn't do anything with my returns."

## Scots put up a fight

# New Zealand clinch crown

SYDNEY, April 3, (Reuters): New Zealand beat injury-hit Scotland, forced to co-opt three Welshmen to make up a side, 22-12 to win the International Sevens Rugby Union tournament today.

The makeshift Scottish side put up a spirited display and five minutes from the end were within four points of the powerful New Zealanders. But then a try by Alan Crowley, converted by Franco Botica, sealed New Zealand's victory.

Earlier, Scotland pulled off a major surprise by eliminating Australia, winners of last week's Hong Kong Sevens, 8-4 in the semifinals.

New Zealand — unquestionably the most skilled and disci-

plined team in the tournament — prized open a disorganised Scottish defence with clinical precision in the final.

**Burst**  
But even so the Scots ran in two tries — the first a gem set up again by Welsh halfback Robert Jones who sliced through a gap to put fullback Gavin Hastings over in the corner.

Another Welshman, Paul Moriarty, hurtled over for the other try after winning a scrum against the head.

For New Zealand, John Schuster — voted Player of the Series — ran in two tries while John Kirwan and Crowley added one each. Franco Botica landed three conversions.

Both Welshmen had earlier

played key roles in the semifinal win over Australia, who had beaten Scotland 16-4 in yesterday's preliminary round.

Australia fought back valiantly in the dying seconds and Michael Lynagh looked to have saved the day after galloping 70 metres through the mud to touch down in the corner 40 seconds from the end. But the try was disallowed for an earlier knock-on.

## Karpov and Tal triumph

BRUSSELS, Belgium, April 3, (AP): Former world champions Mikhail Tal and Anatoly Karpov and Swiss veteran Viktor Korchnoi won their second round matches to move into a share of the lead in the Swiss chess tournament.

Going into today's third round of the \$104,000 tournament, the three led together with Yugoslav defending champion Ljubomir Ljubojevic and Soviet Alexander Belyavsky, all scoring 1.5 points out of a possible 2.

## Moves

Belyavsky beat US grandmaster Yasser Seirawan in yesterday's second round in just 21 moves. In the top match, Korchnoi, 57, beat the world's third-ranked player, Dutchman Jan Timman, in 40 moves.

Karpov, the main challenger for the world championship title of Garry Kasparov over the last years, needed 52 moves to edge past Cuban Jesus Nogueiras, the only Latin American in the World Cup Grand Prix.

Tal, 51, beat Hungarian Gyula Sax in 42 moves.

## Evert crushes Cioffi for final

LARGO, Florida, April 3, (UPI): Top seed Chris Evert advanced to the final of the \$200,000 Eckerd Tennis Open yesterday, downing unseeded Halle Cioffi of Knoxville, Tennessee, 6-2, 6-2.

The second semifinal match, between Arantxa Sanchez of Spain and Patricia Tarabini of Argentina, was suspended because of rain after Sanchez had won the first set, 6-2.

The match was halted in the first game of the second set, with Sanchez serving at 15-30. It was to be completed today.

Tarabini and Sanchez are good friends off the court playing each other in a professional tournament for the first time.

Cioffi, 18, was down 3-0 in the first set, then broke Evert's serve to bring the score to 3-1. But Evert broke right back in a game that went to deuce five times. The University of Florida freshman then broke Evert to bring it to 4-2, but could not defend against Evert's passing shots.

**Control**  
Cioffi held her serve only twice in the second set before Evert took control to win the match in 75 minutes.

"I got a little impatient," Evert said. "She can be very aggressive from the baseline, but I never felt threatened. There were about eight games in the match where she really made me work."

Cioffi had hoped to challenge Evert.

"I originally wanted to be aggressive," Cioffi said. "I wanted to see if I could control some points. At times, you tend to press back, and she's hitting the balls so deep I felt the ball would be best to work, but I couldn't put them together."



Ngugi finishes the race just ahead of Kipkech. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Kenyans storm home in Bali 10 km road race

NUSA DUA, Indonesia, April 3, (Reuters): The mighty Kenyans John Ngugi and Paul Kipkech, fresh from their triumph in New Zealand's World Cross-country Championships, grabbed first and second place in the Bali 10 km road race today.

But they just failed to win a half-million dollars in bonuses offered to the runner setting a new world best time. A tropical downpour on the Indonesian resort island prevented the setting of a record.

Ngugi, setting a blistering pace past Bali's Hindu shrines, grazing water buffaloes and glinting rice paddies, took a purse of \$50,000, clocking an impressive 27 minutes 28.88 seconds.

But it was almost seven seconds outside the world mark set by American Marc Nenow two years ago.

Race organizer, Indonesian timber tycoon Bob Hasan, put up the money for half-million-dollar bonuses for the man or woman who set a new world best for the 10 km point-to-point road race.

Hasan was able to keep his money this year. Canada's Nancy Tynary won the women's

event in 32 minutes 13.8 seconds, more than a minute slower than the world best set by Scotland's Liz Lynch-McColgan in Orlando, Florida, in February.

Ngugi and Kipkech, along with fourth-placed Koseki Kipsabai, put in a repeat of their remarkable run in Auckland, New Zealand, a little more than a week ago, when the Kenyan team filled eight of the first nine positions.

Breaking out at the start, Ngugi and Kipkech were well over 100 metres ahead of the pack by the two km mark, running side by side. Then a tropical downpour burst on the race.

Although some of the runners welcomed the rain as a relief to Bali's withering heat and humidity, Ngugi thought it slowed him down.

Nenow, the defending champion, was plagued by a nagging knee injury and only managed 13th place. Two-time world cross-country champion John Treacy of Ireland finished third.

The women's race was only decided in the final 500 metres, when Tynary sprinted ahead of Britain's Jill Hunter, Lynch-McColgan and Angela Tooby.

## Zico plans to teach his art to Japanese children

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 3, (Reuters): Brazilian international Zico, veteran of three World Cup soccer finals, plans to retire when his contract with Rio de Janeiro club Flamengo expires in July and start a new career teaching his art to Japanese children.

"I'm getting tired of my injuries and perhaps my time has come," Zico said. "I have an offer to start a soccer camp in Tokyo and I must say I am now considering it."

**Retire**  
Zico, who has scored almost 700 goals in his 17-year professional career, had planned to retire in 1990 when he was 37 but he admitted he was losing his long battle against injuries.

"I love playing soccer and it hurts too much to sit out for most of the season plagued by injuries," Zico said. "Perhaps my

muscles are no longer responding to treatment accordingly."

Zico, who made only fleeting appearances as a substitute for Brazil in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico because of a knee injury, has had surgery on his left knee three times over the past two years and has missed most of Flamengo's Rio State League matches this season because of injuries.

Said Zico: "I was thrilled that my knee was not hurting, but all of a sudden I suffered a muscle injury and it does not look as if it's going to heal."

"I would like to start a soccer camp in Brazil. Since this is not possible at the moment I am willing to accept the offer to work in Japan where they are starting the 'Tokyo project'."

Zico said he had also had offers to work as a coach in the Middle East and in Europe.

## Hoddle extends Monaco's lead

PARIS, April 3, (Reuters): England international Glenn Hoddle extended Monaco's seemingly irresistible lead at the top of the French First Division to five points when he scored the only goal of the match to sink Lille 1-0 yesterday.

Hoddle's ninth minute header proved decisive reward for the long trek from the Mediterranean principality north to Lille as defending champions Bordeaux, their nearest challengers, were held to a goalless draw at Laval.

Third-placed Matra Racing Paris were also unable to find the net at home to Toulouse as Monaco gained a point on each of their rivals and strengthened their title bid by taking their tally to 42 points from 30 matches.

Bordeaux and Racing, who both lost the previous weekend, now have just eight matches to overhaul deficits of five and six points respectively and their cause looks increasingly doomed.



Sweden's Hans Eklund (left) and team captain Glen Hysen scream with joy as they hold the trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

which starts in 10 weeks time in West Germany.

One minute before their first goal they sounded a serious warning when Dasayev was unable to hold a rasping shot from Robert Prytz. Holmquist pounced on the loose ball and looked

certain to score but the Soviet keeper, lying full length in the goal, somehow launched himself into the air to tip the ball around the post.

In an excellent second half for Sweden, Eklund put the ball in the net twice more — but the first



W. Germany's Olaf Thon goes flying over the top of Argentina's Diego Maradona as they fight for the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

wad disallowed for handball and the second for offside.

For the Soviet team Protasov and midfielder star Alexander Zavarov were both guilty of two bad misses in the first half.

Nevertheless, the Soviet team must feel confident they can do

well in the European Championship as they will meet few opponents as capable of smothering their midfield as Sweden.

In a revenge for their defeat in the 1986 World Cup final, West Germany earlier beat Argentina 1-0 in the play-off for third place.

## US baseball season opens in player turmoil

NEW YORK, April 3, (Reuters): Player disputes are dominating US baseball even before the new season opens tomorrow, and none of last year's major trophy winners are expected to pull off similar performances this time around.

Surprise World Series champions Minnesota Twins hardly expect a repeat of the season which saw them upset the St. Louis Cardinals in seven games.

Player turmoil in the two top teams in the American League — the New York Yankees and the Toronto Blue Jays — may doom them to be also rans even before the more than six-month-long season has got into its stride.

In the National League, the New York Mets, world champions in 1986, are heavy favourites, prompting at least New York fans to hope for the first 'subway series' — a World Series between New York teams just a subway ride away — in 32 years.

The Blue Jays, arguably the best team on paper in the American League, may lose their best player.

**Angered**  
George Bell, the League's Most Valuable Player last year with 47 home runs and 147 runs batted in, is angered at being forced to be just a designated hitter this year. He has refused to play that role in several spring training games and the Jays were reported to be looking to trade him.

The Yankees, with tempestuous owner George Steinbrenner bringing back Billy Martin to manage the club, are embroiled in a controversy that could keep them from getting off to a good start to challenge Toronto for the East title.

The turmoil centres around star outfielder Dave Winfield, who criticised Steinbrenner in a hook and quoted second baseman Willie Randolph — a black as is Winfield — as saying that no black man is ever considered a true Yankee.

An incensed Steinbrenner is seeking to trade Winfield and some observers believe that in his rush to banish the outfielder he may not get good value in return.

The Boston Red Sox are threats in the American League East behind pitcher Roger Clemens — judged the best hurler in the League for the last two years — batting champion Wade Boggs and some added bullpen strength.

One of the keys to the Sox' year is whether pitcher 'Oil Can' Boyd, sidelined for most of season, can come back from an arm injury.

The rebuilding Milwaukee Brewers, with rookie Joey Meyer as their designated hitter, also cannot be counted out to win their first division title since 1982.

The Detroit Tigers looked set to give the Brewers a run for their money, but the Tigers, 1984 world champions and American League East title winners last year, suffered a serious blow when they lost productive outfielder Kirk Gibson to Free Agency and ultimately to the Dodgers.

In the American League West, the reconstructed Oakland Athletics, who added veterans Dave Parker, Don Baylor, Dave Henderson, Glenn Hubbard and pitcher Bob Welch to their lineup, which also boasts Rookie of the Year Mark McGwire (49 home runs, 118 runs batted in), could very well dominate.

However, the Chicago White Sox, behind a strong pitching staff, could be a dark horse. Back in the National League, the Mets' promise in the East Division is bolstered by having probably the best pitching staff in the Majors.

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## Miandad defies W. Indian pace attack

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, April 3. (Reuters) Pakistan's Javed Miandad played exactly the innings his team needed today when he batted through the afternoon session for an unbeaten 56 on the second day of the first cricket Test against West Indies.

At tea, Pakistan replying to West Indies' 292, were 173 for three in their first innings.

Shoaib Mohammad was the only batsman dismissed after lunch when West Indian captain Gordon Greenidge took a fine tumbling catch at slip off paceman Courtney Walsh. Shoaib's gritty innings of 46 had taken 130 minutes.

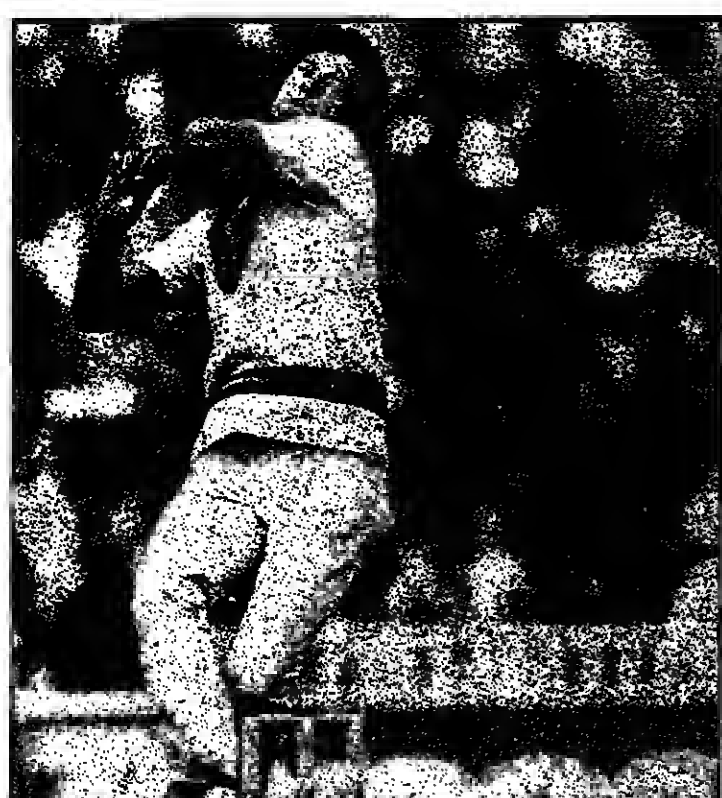
Earlier the formidable West Indian pace attack made two early breakthroughs when Pakistan began their innings.

**Yorked**  
Patrick Patterson had Rameez Raja caught at gully by Desmond Haynes for five off a top-edged hook and newcomer Curtley Ambrose took his first Test wicket when he yorked Mudassar Nazar for 29.

Shoaib and Miandad then took the fight to the bowlers, despite a succession of short-pitched deliveries, and brought up the 100 after only 20 overs.

In the final over before lunch there was a heated exchange between fast bowler Winston Benjamin and umpire Lloyd Barker when Barker no balled the West Indian three times in succession for intimidatory bowling.

One ball struck Miandad and off another he was caught at third man. Benjamin remonstrated with Barker and the umpire, after consulting with his square-leg colleague, spoke to



Imran: seven wickets Greenidge.

West Indies bowled only 24 overs in the second session and Miandad, knowing it was vital to play a long innings, dug in and finally reached a determined half century 15 minutes before tea off 104 balls with his sixth four.

Yesterday Imran Khan, persuaded to end a brief retirement from international cricket by his country's president, took seven for 80 as Pakistan dismissed West Indies for 292.

President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq made a personal appeal to

Imran in January to take Pakistan to the Caribbean after he retired following the 1987 World Cup and missed a home series against England.

The reasons for Zia's eagerness to have Imran back in the side were vividly demonstrated here by a fast-bowling performance that overshadowed the rest of the Pakistan attack.

His seven-wicket haul included a spell of four for nine in three overs in the final session after West Indies were 219 for four at tea.

Gordon Greenidge, standing in as captain while Vivian Richards completes his recovery from a haemorrhoid operation, won the toss and none responded better to his decision to bat first than Gus Logie, who made 80, and Richie Richardson, whose 75 was his fifth successive half-century against the touring side.

West Indies were also without fast bowler Malcolm Marshall who has a leg injury.

Imran made the initial breakthrough in the third over when Desmond Haynes edged an outswinger to wicketkeeper Salim Yousuf and at 41 Phil Simmons was bowled by off-spinner Ejaz Faqih's first ball playing down the wrong line.

Richardson and Greenidge added 54 in 57 minutes before Imran made another successful change. In the first over of a new spell by left-arm paceman Wasim Akram, Greenidge was out for 17 caught at the second attempt by Salim Malik at gully.

Logie and Richardson, the two most experienced of the new generation of West Indian batsmen, added 49 in 31 minutes, largely due to Logie's explosive start.

Richardson was fourth out soon after lunch to Imran when he lifted a slower ball and was caught at cover. He made his runs from 84 balls in 124 minutes with 11 fours.

The score was then a precarious 144 but West Indies lost no further wickets before tea in their most productive period.

Logie and the talented Carl Hooper, who is playing in his first home Test, were just gaining the ascendancy with a stand of 76 in 105 minutes when Logie was

out to his first ball of the final session.

He misread Abdul Qadir's goosy and was leg before having batted for 138 minutes. He faced 98 balls and also struck 11 fours.

#### Disposed

Hooper was next to go after a patient 33, opening out only once to hit three successive fours off Qadir, whose 24 overs cost 91 runs.

Hooper was caught at long leg hooking at Imran, who then quickly disposed of Jeff Dujon and Winston Benjamin, beaten by movement and speed, and Courtney Walsh who was bowled.

Ambrose made his highest first-class score of 25 not out and Patrick Patterson joined him in a sturdborn last wicket stand of 34 before Imran returned to bowl Patterson.

Imran's figures after tea were five for 38 in 10.4 overs and he has now taken 60 wickets against West Indies in 13 Tests. This is his 71st Test and he has taken 318 wickets.

#### Scoreboard

WEST INDIES	
D. Haynes c Yousuf b Imran	1
P. Simmons by Faqih	16
R. Richardson c Shoaib b Imran	75
G. Greenidge c Salim b Wasim	17
C. Hooper c Wasim b Imran	80
J. Dujon lbw b Imran	33
W. Benjamin lbw b Imran	2
C. Ambrose not out	25
P. Patterson b Imran	10
Extras (b-2 lb-3 nb-6)	22
Total (all out)	199
Fall of wickets	1-72 (41.3-95.4-144.5-220.6-244.7-248.8-249.9-258.0)
Bowling: Imran 22.4-2-80-7, Wasim 14.4-4-1-1 (nb-1), Faqih 14-0-60-1, Qadir 24-2-91-1 (nb-5) Salim 1-0-6-0, Mudassar 5-2-9-0.	

## HCC crush Bright Stars for final

HYDERABAD Cricket Club (HCC) qualified for the final of the YMCA Winners Cup cricket tournament with a 75-run victory over Bright Stars at the Ahmadi Governorate ground on Friday.

HCC's Ashfaq R. Khan and Remy made Bright Stars' skipper Salem regret his decision of asking his opponents to bat by putting on 120 for the first wicket.

Except for Chris, none of the other Bright Stars bowlers made any impression on Ashfaq and Remy who completed their second century partnership in consecutive matches.

**Caught**  
The first-wicket partnership was broken in a controversial incident. Chris, who had apparently taken a catch, sportingly signalled that he hadn't caught it clearly but the umpire had given Ashfaq out and he decided to abide by the decision. Ashfaq hit 65.

With time running out, the HCC batsmen went for quick runs. Remy, in particular, was quite severe on the bowlers and remained unbeaten on 72 as HCC made 181 for the loss of four wickets. Remy hit two sixes and six fours.

For Bright Stars, Arshad took two wickets for 45 runs off four overs while Robin and Sayeed got one each. Chris who bowled well, deserved wickets but was luckless.

Bright Stars started on a bright



Ashfaq: excellent performance

note with Salem and Ahmed collecting eleven runs off Remy's first over. But Salem combined with wicket keeper Ashfaq to remove both the openers in consecutive overs.

Ashfaq had a field day behind the stumps, taking five catches. A lot was expected of Arun Nair but he too chased a ball from Remy into Ashfaq's gloves.

Only Robin (24), Aslam (15) and Salem (18) reached double figures as Bright Stars barely went past the hundred mark (106 all out).

**Begged**  
Salem and Remy bowled superbly to claim three wickets each for 26 and 25 runs respectively off six overs each. Remy, who took a marvellous running catch to dismiss Chris, bagged two wickets to complete his fine all-round performance.

After five straight wins, HCC have reached the final of the tournament in which they will meet the winners of the second semifinal to be played on Friday, April 8.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Omani driver

MARLBORO will award the best Omani driver in the forthcoming Jebel Akhdar four wheel drive challenge on April 14 and 15, with sponsorship for the Oman International Rally in November. The rally represents the launch of 4-wd rallying in Oman, and is open to all Gulf residents.

## Leconte triumphs

HOUSTON, April 3. (AP) France's Henri Leconte defeated Argentina's Guillermo Perez-Roldan with a powerful serve and pinpoint drop shots for a 6-2, 6-2 victory yesterday in the semifinals of the \$200,000 River Oaks international tennis tournament. Leconte, seeded sixth, was to meet 16-year-old Michael Chang of the United States in this evening's final.

## Planckaert wins

MEERBEKE, Belgium, April 3. (AP) Belgian Eddy Planckaert today won the Tour of Flanders, one of the top cycling classics, easily beating Australian Phil Anderson in a sprint finish.

## Chicago tennis

CHICAGO, April 3. (AP) Top-seeded Jimmy Connors and defending champion Tim Mayotte drew first-round byes yesterday in the \$315,000 Volvo Chicago tennis tournament.

## Dutch soccer

AMSTERDAM, April 3. (Reuters) PSV Eindhoven, virtually assured of their third consecutive Dutch First Division title, gave a sluggish performance in beating eighth-placed Haarlem 1-0 yesterday.

## Nabisco golf

RANCHO MIRAGE, California, April 3. (Reuters) American Amy Alcott fired a second straight six-under-par 66 yesterday to take a four-stroke lead over Colleen Walker going into the final round of the \$500,000 Nabisco Dinah Shore.

## NBA games

NEW YORK, April 3. (Reuters) Result of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday (only games scheduled):

Cleveland	108	Indiana	94
New York	104	Houston	111
Milwaukee	123	New Jersey	111
Denver	123	Golden State	107
Utah	106	L.A. Lakers	92
L.A. Clippers	105	Sacramento	103
Seattle	151	Phoenix	107

## IBF title

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, April 3. (Reuters) American Rocky Lockridge retained his International Boxing Federation junior lightweight boxing title yesterday with a unanimous points decision after 15 rounds over compatriot Harold Knight.

## Cricket match

HARARE, Zimbabwe, April 3. (AP) The Sri Lanka "B" cricket tourists scored an easy victory against Zimbabwe in a 50 overs match today. In reply to Zimbabwe's 227 for eight wickets they hit 230 for only one wicket down and with three overs to spare.

## Biarritz Open

BIARRITZ, France, April 3. (AP) Briton David Llewellyn, aided by a record-breaking third round, won his first title on the European Golf Tour in runaway style today, capturing the \$278,000 Biarritz Open seven strokes ahead of the runner-up.

## Kansas to face Oklahoma in NCAA final

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, April 3. (Reuters) Two universities from the US Big Eight Conference, Kansas and Oklahoma, scored convincing victories in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) semifinals yesterday.

The final game to decide the National Collegiate Championship will be played here tomorrow night.

The last time two teams from the same conference played for the championship was in 1985 when Villanova and Georgetown of the Big East met, Kansas, which has been to the title game four times, won just once, in 1952.

Danny Manning had 25 points to pace the Kansas Jayhawks to a 66-59 upset win over the Duke Blue Devils in the opening semifinal game.

**Advantage**  
Kansas got 20 points from Milt Newton and built an 18-point advantage early in the second half. Danny Ferry's 19 points and 12 rebounds and Kevin Strickland's 10 points brought Duke (28-7) to within three points at 55-52. But Kansas (26-11) scored seven of nine free throws in the final one minute and 43 seconds.

In the second semifinal game, Stacey King, who had 21 points during the night, sparked a run of 27 Oklahoma points to Arizona's 10 midway through the first half to set the tone for the rest of the game. Harvey Grant also had 21 points in the 86-78 victory over Arizona.

Arizona's Sean Elliott was the game's high scorer with 31 points. Arizona's highly touted guard Steve Kerr was disappointing with just two baskets in 12 attempts, as Arizona committed 15 turnovers.

## Lyle takes Open lead

GREENSBORO, North Carolina, April 3. (Reuters) Briton Sandy Lyle made up five shots yesterday to take a three-stroke lead in the million-dollar Greater Greensboro Open golf tournament.

Lyle, who won this event in 1986, fired a four-under-par 68 yesterday to bring his 54-hole total to a 17-under-par 199.

He leads American Jeff Sluman, who led after the first two rounds, by three shots.

**Within**  
American Ken Green is five back at 12-under-par 204 with Scott Hoch the only other competitor within seven shots of the lead at 10-under-par 206.

Lyle, who has not made a bogey since his third hole on the first day, opened quickly yesterday with birdies on three of the first five holes to overtake his playing partner Sluman.

Lyle's third round was highlighted by two brilliant fairway bunker shots that led to birdies.

## Jansher avenges defeat by Jahangir



Jansher: wins Monaco Open title

MONACO, April 3. (Reuters) World champion Jansher Khan conquered Pakistani compatriot Jahangir Khan in five tough games today to win the Monaco Open squash title and avenge a rare beating in the French Open final three weeks ago.

Jahangir, who halted a run of eight successive defeats at the hands of his successor in Paris last month, seemed on his way to another victory over his teenage rival when he captured the first two games.

But Jansher, world number one, fought back to reassert his supremacy and won their two-hour duel 3-9 3-9 9-3 9-0 9-4.

"I only lost in Paris because I was tired and homesick. I feel I can always beat Jahangir. I'm

confident I will win the British Open," Jansher said, anticipating the prestigious tournament which starts in a week's time with holder Jahangir seeking his seventh victory.

Jahangir looked stronger in the early stages, playing good length, moving well and taking the shots early. All the same, it took him 12 minutes to win the opening point of the match.

Two games down, Jansher stepped up the pace and forced errors on his opponent as Jahangir began to tire.

Jahangir received an official warning for extending the interval after the third game to nearly three minutes.

Both players reverted to safety rather than adventure in the

decider until Jahangir began to pepper the tin and Jansher took ultimate control.

The tournament was played under traditional rules, unlike the French Open in which Jahangir prevailed under the system the International Squash Players' Association board wants to introduce for the whole Grand Prix circuit next year — a lower tin, American scoring of 15 points a game and a point for every rally, plus a single serve with no out line on the front wall.

The experimental system, particularly the lower tin which has the effect of "lengthening" the court and encouraging players to go for winners, is widely thought to give the rest a better chance against the agile Jansher.

## Biaison retains Safari Rally lead

NAIROBI, Kenya, April 3. (AP) Italian Miki Biaison's Lancia Delta Integrals led a dwindling Safari Rally pack for a second day today but had to fight off a strong challenge from the Nissan team.

Biaison, in his second Safari Rally, raced back into Nairobi with 158 penalty points after completing the sixth sector.

Nine points back was Kenyan Mike Kirkland in a Nissan 200SX, setting the stage for a final day duel tomorrow.

In third place was Kirkland's Nissan teammate Per Eklund of Sweden with 204 points.

Drivers are required to cover sections between control points within a specific time and are penalised for being early or late.

The 4,217-kilometre (2,614-mile) Safari Rally began on

Thursday with 54 cars. After today's run, drivers had covered 3,700 kilometres (2,294 miles) and only 15 cars remained, 11 of them Japanese models.

Biaison dislodged world champion Juha Kankkunen from first place yesterday after the Finn spent 23 minutes fitting a new turbocharger to his Toyota Supra, to replace one which blew on the Elgeyo Marakwet escarpment in northwest Kenya.

The organisers said Kankkunen lost more time repairing a broken shaft and hub at the western town of Kimili. At Nairobi he had slipped to fifth place among the 15 survivors.

Swede Bjorn Waldegaard, winner of the event in 1977, 1984 and 1986, was lagging in seventh position at Nairobi. He had serious mechanical problems

earlier in the race but the organisers said he stopped only for fuel and tyres on the latest stretch.

#### Standings

1. Miki Biaison, Italy, Lancia Delta Integrals, 2:38
2. Mike Kirkland, Kenya, Nissan 200SX, 2:47
3. Per Eklund, Sweden, Nissan 200SX, 3:24
4. Kenneth Eriksson, Sweden, Toyota Supra Turbo, 3:45
5. Juha Kankkunen, Finland, Toyota Supra Turbo, 4:07
6. Ian Duncan, Kenya, Subaru 4WD, 4:17
7. Bjorn Waldegaard, Sweden, Toyota Supra Turbo, 4:22
8. Rudolf Stohl, Austria, Audi Quattro, 4:30
9. Peter Bourne, New Zealand, Subaru 4WD, 5:41
10. John Hellier, Kenya, Ford Sierra Cosworth, 7:54

## Lovell leads Irish rally

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, April 3. (AP) England's Mark Lovell, the 1986 British auto rally champion, took the lead yesterday on the first stage of the Rothmans circuit of Ireland Auto Rally and held a 36 seconds advantage over Scotland's Jimmy McRae after six of the rally's 26 timed stages.

Out of luck was England's Louise Aitken-Walker. While holding seventh place, her Peugeot went off the road on stage five, through a hedge and stuck in a muddy field.

She was towed out by the farmer's tractor, but lost more than five minutes. She is continuing the race but looks out of contention for outright victory.

Out of the event is 1986 circuit winner David Llewellyn of Wales.

## Prost scores easy victory in Brazilian GP

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, April 3. (UPI) Former world champion Alain Prost of France led from start to finish to win the Brazilian Grand Prix, the first event of this season's Formula One championship.

Prost took his record fifth victory in Brazil in a McLaren Honda turbo leaving Austria's Gerhard Berger just seconds behind in a Ferrari and defending world champion, Nelson Piquet of Brazil, third in a Lotus Honda.

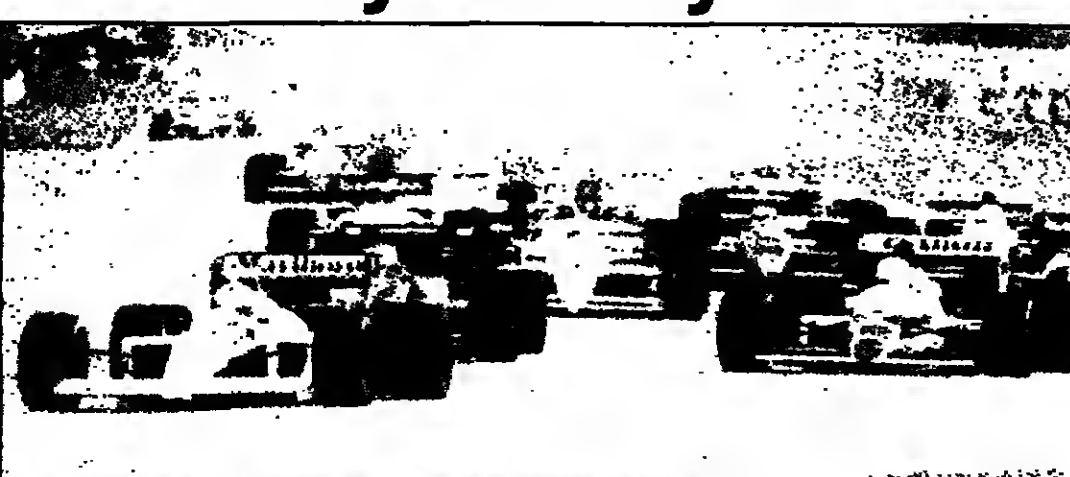
#### Curve

Prost shot from third place on the grid to first to pass Nigel Mansell of Britain in a Williams Judd before the first curve at the 3.126-mile (5.031 km) Nelson Piquet track.

Pole sitter Ayrton Senna was forced to start at the back of the 26-car pack from the exit of the pit lane after his race car stalled on the grid, seconds before the green light.

Senna said the engine died when he tried to engage first gear.

McLaren mechanics said Prost was using the reserve car, leaving Senna with Prost's car



Prost (left) leads the pack at the start of the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

which was damaged during a spin on Friday in training.

Drivers started on smooth dry-weather tyres under a cloudy sky, but the track was dry after the passing of early morning rain.

Senna gobbled up slower cars at the back of the pack and on the 10th lap edged Lotus No. 2 driver Satoru Nakajima of Japan down the main straight to claim eighth

place.

Senna was then 33 seconds behind his team-mate Prost at the head of the field.

Driving impeccably, Senna passed his arch-rival Piquet down the main straight in front of 60,000 cheering local fans and went on to hold second place by the 20th lap, 30 seconds behind Prost, thanks to pit-stops by Berger and Mansell.

Mansell's motor died during the tyre change and he sat dejected in his car as mechanics battled desperately to restart the car without breaking rules and pushing it.

Senna held the lead momentarily when Prost changed tyres, but then lost it when he went in for his own tyre change and sat 32 seconds in the boxes as McLaren mechanics fought to restart the

car.

Senna rejoined the race in sixth place, 54 seconds behind Prost, but in the next lap was black-flagged by race stewards.

Piquet dropped to fifth place after a second tyre change, leaving Prost with a comfortable lead from Berger, Boutsen and British Arrows driver Derek Warwick.

#### Results

1. Alain Prost, France, McLaren, 1 hour 36 minutes 6.83 seconds (average speed 117.1 mph, 188.4 kph); 2. Gerhard Berger, Austria, Ferrari, 1:36.15; 3. Nelson Piquet, Brazil, Lotus, 1:37.6; 4. Derek Warwick, Britain, Arrows, 1:37.19; 5. Michele Alboreto, Italy, Ferrari, 1:37.20; 6. Satoru Nakajima, Japan, Lotus, 1 lap back; 7. Thierry Boutsen, Belgium, Benetton, 2 laps back; 8. Eddie Cheever, US, Arrows, 2 laps back; 9. Stefan Johansson, Sweden, Ligier, 3 laps back. (Only nine cars finished).
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